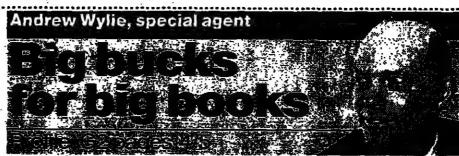
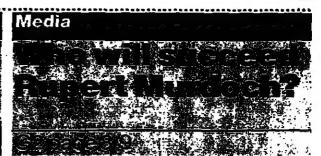
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Damien Hirst in a spin over canvas junked in skip

Owen Bowcott on a question of art

well satisfied with his effort. After all, it helped him to win the prestigious Turner prize last year Andy Shaw evidently has more exacting stan-

The tale of two artistic reputations began in the unlikely setting of an East End refuse skip. That was where Mr Shaw, whose paintings command up to £2,000, maintains he dumped an unsatisfactory work produced by his favourite technique of pouring acrylic paint on to a spinning surface.

Shortly afterwards an arts graduate. Simon Tyr-ell, aged 34, passed along the street in Shoreditch, nobris and became convinced he had stumbled across an original Damien Hirst.

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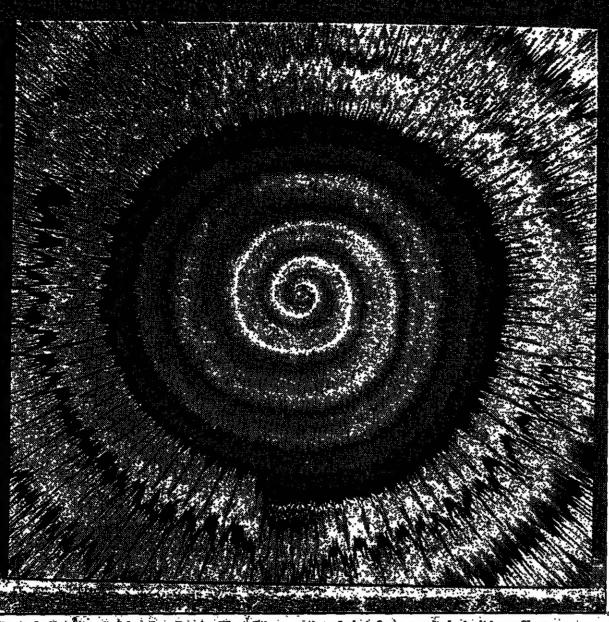
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The concentric splatter of thick paint, he believed, was a telltale sign of the best-selling artist. Hirst, better known for a dead sheep floating in a glass tank, has alternatively been praised as a genius or damned as a charlatan.

Either way, he has attracted headlines. Spotting an opportunity, a local gallery owner, Adam Dant, aunounced be would hold an exhibition entitled "We Found a Painting by Damien Birst in a Skip". The display was intended to highlight the question of authenticity in art.

"We also have another painting wrapped up in a box where it becomes an object of intangible value," said Mr Dant, the proprietor of the Gallerette in Shoreditch, yesterday. "It's a Pandora's box, a work of art without an artist." But shortly after sending

out his invitations, he received a letter from Hirst's agent, Jay Jopling, demanding corrected cards be distributed pointing out the "misattribution". He eventually complied.

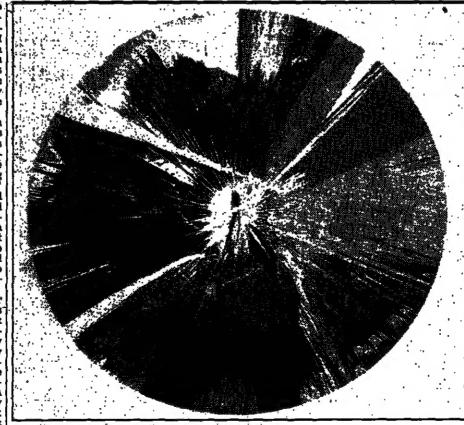


The Andy Shaw convis taken for a Damien Hirst. It's a question of who's famous and who isn't,' says Shaw

painting is mine," he in-sisted yesterday. "I dumped it in the rubbish skip. I strive for perfection in my work. Perfection is mobinizable, but I'm close to it. The guy who found my painting can keep it if he wants to."

He added: "It's just a question of who's lamous and who isn't. I suppose it's like Darwin's theory of nat-ural section. I threw the painting out but anything that is strong will survive."
If the painting, entitled
Out of Eden and produced
by being rotated on a potter's wheel, had been an
original Damien Eirst it
might have fetched up to £30,000. As a discarded Andy Shaw it would fail to make anything approach-

ing that. The Gallerette show, Mr Dant said, was intended as a protest against most mainstream museums' policy of purchasing few works by contemporary artists. Shaw, a former pot-ter and admirer of the Turner prize winning artist, is to exhibit his own paintings at the Gramarcy Park Rotel in New York next month. Hirst could not be contacted yesterday.



An original Damien Hirst. His paintings fetch up to £30,000

Brown ups stakes on education

Michael White Political Editor

ABOUR last night raised the stakes in the controversy over child benefit for older teenagers, by admitting that its proposed national educational maintenance allowance might take money from wealthy parents of children aged 16 to 18 — but only to use it to help poorer children stay at school.

In the propaganda battle

In the propaganda battle with John Major's Cabinet over equality of opportunity, the shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, hit back against charges that he is planning to destroy middle clean parks. In destroy middle class perks, by revealing that only 50 per cent of children aged 16 to 18 actually qualify for child benefit under current rules.

Up to 25 per cent of the money goes to mothers whose children are at fee paying schools. The mother of a sixth-former at Eton or Harrow receives it from 16 until ... In this case, child bene-is a subsidy for the school

today for the Guardian. With all parties gearing up for local elections on May 2 and the threat of a general election at any time — both sides yesterday underlined how much is at stake in the weeks ahead. On GMTV, the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, warned Tory rightwingers that there were no easy tax-and-spend-ing cuts that would protect "the social fabric".

Across at the BBC, his

Labour counterpart, John Prescott, on Breakfast with Frost, gently reminded shadow colleagues like Clare Short - also in trouble over tax rates last week — that once they had "come to a collective agreement about something, you have a res-ponsibility to observe it". More revealingly, he referred to "Clare" in the same breath

as Harriet "Harman". Mr Heseltine later tried to seize upon Mr Prescott's confirmation that — in Sir David Frost's words — "some people would pay less tax and quite a lot of people would pay more tax", as proof that Tony Blair has "a large middle class tax

crutches, said as he finished:

"I slipped on a piece of orange peel but I'm all right." His

15th marathon was for the Alzheimer's Society.



Labour gaining ground among the middle classes, that is a vital battleground beween the parties.

Since delivering his John Smith Memorial Lecture on Friday, Mr Brown and his shadow ministerial col-leagues, David Blunkett and Chris Smith, have come soper cent tax rate. under withering fire from When asked at what level it should start, 26 MPs said fees of the wealthy, rather sists, who claim that the than an incentive to assist the education of the very poor," of the £9 billion a year budget for higher and further education threatens child benefit. not to mention university

tuition fees and grants.
What Mr Brown confirms today is that universal child benefit for children aged under 16, the target of some welfare reformers, will be un-touched. What needs to be year system of child benefit for those who stay on at school after 16, plus the dis-cretionary system of educa-Angels Phillips, Q2 page 13

tional maintenance grants for poorer sixth form students, which range from £100 a year in Norfolk to £1,200 in Devon. Between them, these "un-equal opportunities are an af-

front to those of us who feel passionately about social justice." writes Mr Brown.

One shadow minister said last night that the idea was to reconfigure reconfigure existing resources to improve upon child benefit for this age group — as well as to provide fairer access to higher educa-tion for adults who have dropped out of school. "The last thing I want to do is to deprive people, especially those from low-income back-grounds, of the incentive to

A further measure growing pressure on Labour to divulge more tax details came yesterday in a Sunday Times straw poll among 80 backbench MPs, which purported to reveal "strong demands for middle-income earners to face higher tax bills" by way of a restored

£40,000 a year, 23 said £50,000 and 15 said £60,000, though whether that was gross or taxable income was not made clear. Some 26 MPs backed the current 40 per cent top tax rate, while two MPs wanted a top rate of 60 per cent.

That did not stop the Tory chairman, Dr Brian Mahwin-ney, saying the poll con-firmed "what Mr Blair is try-ing to hide — that Labour is replaced is the \$700 million a the enemy of middle-income earners.

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Longleat heir injured as Delhi bomb kills 17 Triumph of the unsuitable in stickiest marathon

HE HEIR to one of Britain's most aristocratic families was recovering in hospital in India last night after narrowly surviving a bomb blast which killed at least 17 people, including his British girlfriend and business partner. Viscount Weymouth, aged

21, the son of the Marquess of Bath, was among almost 40 people injured in the power-ful explosion which devas-tated a backpackers' hostel in the crowded beart of New Delhi on Saturday night. The Foreign Office last night named the British man killed as Crinan Wild, in his

Weymouth's girifriend was | the only Muslim-majority An injured Briton was iden-tified as marketing consultant Cathi Sones, aged 31, of South Croydon, south London.

Two separatist groups which claimed responsibility for the bomb said it was intended to punish rivals and to stop elections in Kashmir next month. -At least eight foreigners — Nigerian, French and British

— were among those who died in the hostal in Paharganj, near Comnaught Place, New Delhi's central square, A joint statement from the Islami Harkat-ul-Momineen isjami. Harkat-ui-momineen to mous, where he was estab-and the Khalistan Liberation lishing a ski resort. Force said the bombing was part of an attempt to stop elec-tions in Jammu and Kashmir, wreckage by yesterday.

state in predominantly Hindu India. More than 20,000 people have been killed there in a six-year separatist insurgency.

Last night at the family home Longleat, in Wiltshire, Lord Bath said he was arrang ing for his son, who suffered head injuries, to return to Britain as soon as possible. "He is not badly hurt. mostly cuts. But now he is deeply shocked at the loss of

dear friends," he said. Viscount Weymouth Ceawlin Thynn — left his studies at University College, London, last autumn to travel to India, where he was estabJohn Exard

MY BODY is now the three years," said Liz McCol-gan of Britain, achieving a classic triumph over injury by winning in 2 hours, 27 minutes, 54 seconds with a margin of two minutes "The most uncomfortable thing is keeping my head on."

said a man in a 32lb Save the Rhino costume towards the back of the 27,000-strong pack. Yesterday's London Marathon displayed — as its founder Chris Brasher said — "the astonishing audacity of the human spirit — the men and women of unsuitable shapes and sizes who manage

to complete the course"...

This year they managed it in the hottest, stickiest conditions in any of the 16 years during which 300,000 competitors from all parts of the globe those whose victory lay in stretching their courage and endurance. Brian Cleaver, 58, from Walsall, who lost a leg through gangrene at the age of four and competed on have finished the 26-mile event. At noon, the temperature peaked at 21°C (70°F), 4°C higher than the previous hottest in 1986. By 4pm, St John Ambulance had treated 1,928

runners, nearly one in 13 of the field. Twenty runners and nine spectators needed hospital treatment.

Dionicio Ceron, of Mexico, won the men's race in 2:10.00 for an unprecedented third for an unprecedented third was running his fourth mara-year in succession. He said: thom. In his third, he damaged his false teeth when he was place in my heart, but I am knocked down by a falling particularly excited about advertising hoarding, this one."

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It was a delight shared by McColgan biltz, page 16

Economics

Sport The Roker road returned to Sunderland as the newly-promoted side prepares for Premier League SOCCER NEXT SEASON.

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A decorous day out with Byron's heirs

'What is it that foreigners admire in England? It is tradition, and Byron is part of that tradition. He was honest, straight. But society did not want him here'



David Ward

dil-vellow disc floated easily over a gracious lawn and a small boy in a white shirt smiled with delight. The Hon Charles Richard Gordon Byron was playing with a frishee in the grounds of the Nottinghamshire estate his poetic ancestor inherited in

God willing, Charles will eventually inherit the title and become the 14th baron. But he will never live at Newstead Abbey, for George Gor-don, the sixth Lord Byron, author of Childe Harold and Don Juan, defender of freedom in Greece, lover of both men and women (including, so it's aid, his own half-sister) sold it in 1817 for £94,500. Robert, the 13th Lord Byron and father of the frisbee

player, is a lawyer and a Conservative rather than a poet

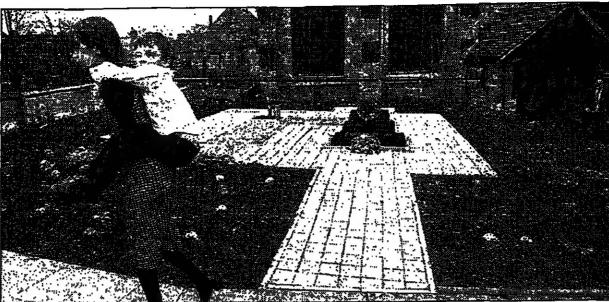
He is also president of the Byron Society, the devoted and mainly elderly members of which made their 25th annual pilgrimage to Newtead at the weekend.

The present lord, more content to slither down the ski lopes than swim the Hellespont, said almost apologetically: "Ninety-nine per cent of our lives is most un-Byronic. I had a spate of reading the poems while I was at Cambridge. But now I read more of the prose, especially the letters."

One Byronic pilgrim was in pensive mood. Father Damian Konstantinou, a black-bearded, black-caped Greek Orthodox priest who once served his fellow countrymen in Mansfield and Nottingham sat on a bench outside the main entrance, drew deeply on a melancholy cigarette and recalled how speakers at the official pilgrimage lunch had touched on Byron's support for the Greek people's struggle

No one quoted The Isles of Greece over the ice cream: Place me on Sunium's mar-

Where nothing, save the May hear our mutual mur-



Byron children Emily and Charlie in front of the memorial at Hucknall church

Dash down yon cup of

amian wine! Father Konstantinou continued: "When I heard the speeches, I felt how heavy it is isolated and betrayed many times. They fought in the last

war everywhere but they

made no gains."
Sylvia Parsons, Lord Mayor of Nottingham, and instigator of the priest's sad reflections, had handed over to the Byron Society a copy of a copy of a priesty of the house that picture of the house that replaced the house in which Byron had lived in Greece. She spoke feelingly of the

dence. "He was one of those rare Englishmen who went to capture it." she said. Quite right, agreed Brigitte Lohmar, joint international secretary of the Byron Society

support for Greek indepen-

and member of the German Society for English Romanti-

first real Europeans. He did not only travel to different parts of Europe but he was also interested in what happened in those countries, in their literature and language."

For Lucy Edwards, secretary of the Byron Society, the

big attraction remains the scandalous egoist and his poetry. She loves She Walked In description of the ball on the

She also loves Newstead and first worked there 60 years ago as a pupil librarian. "I got myself totally involved and submerged in Byron-iana," she revealed, eyes

Back on his bench, Father Konstantinou perked up when asked to consider why Byron was honoured more outside his own country than within it. "What is it that foreigners admire in England? It is tradi tion — and Byron is part of that tradition. Byron was hon est, straight. But society did not want him to be here. He

was expelled.
"The British have other explorations than Romanticism But many Mediterranean eoples are romantic, our reli-

peoples are romantic, our religion is romantic. Byron was a bit naughty — but this is a Greek style."

It was time to say goodbye, to tour the house, given to the Byrons by Henry VIII. The poet received it from the disgraceful fifth baron who kept a herd of tame crickets which would come to beel at his call. would come to heel at his call. Grief-stricken, they left the house for ever when their master died in 1798.

Byron upheld the family's pet-loving reputation. He kept a bear, a wolf, a Newfound-

odies, and There Was A Sound | land bound called Boatswain, Of Revelry By Night, the poet's | several tortoises and a hedgehog. Pictures of both wolf and hound adorn the walls of Newstead to this day. The pilgrims could also observe his boxing gloves, bed and fencing mask (but not his frisbee).

Soon they were on the move again, this time to the church of St Mary Magdalene in nearby Hucknall where Byron is buried. The present Lord Byron, Ms Parsons, Ms Lohmar and Father Konstantinou all had wreaths to lay.

The melancholy mood returned and with it memo ries of one of Byron's last let-ters, written to his doctor from Messalonghi on March 4, 1824 (a few weeks before his death): 'I am not unaware of the precarious state of my health . . . But it is proper that I should remain in Greece; and it were better to die doing something

There is a statue of Byron above Tweedies clothing store in Hucknall's market place. Now there is a new memorial, a black marble book in a garden of primulas outside the south door of the church. The pages are as yet empty, for two parishioners have objected to

the proposed inscription. Two questions remain: why, 172 years after his death, does Byron still provoke con-troversy? And what did he call

UK switch to landmine ban likely

David Fairhall Defence Correspondent

RITAIN looks set to change its policy on the production and use of anti-personnel landmines in favour of a com-

plets ban.
The unexpected U-turn comes as the United Nations launches a fresh effort to control a worldwide plague of 100 million landmines that are killing and maiming 2,000 people a month, mostly civil-ians. The British shift has been prompted in part by signs that the United States is preparing to renounce these

okesman at the Minis try of Defence said a Commons statement on the issue

14 US generals have declared a ban 'humane and militarily responsible'

could be expected "shortly".

If confirmed, the British
policy shift will be widely welcomed by organisations such as the International Red Cross and Oxfam which have campaigned for a ban. The reviewing a 1980 agreement on landmine use resumes in Geneva today.
Until now the British mili-

tary has insisted that anti-personnel mines are a legitimate weapon of war. Yet several Nato allies, including Belgium, Holland, Norway, and most recently, Germany, have renounced them. The Pentagon is also reviewing its policy, spurred on by the danger facing US troops in the Balkans, where up to 6 milhon mines are thought to have been laid.

The chief of the US joint chiefs of staff, General John

Shalikashvili, has been reported to be personally in-

clined to eliminate such weapons. Gulf war command-er General Norman Schwarzpreme commander, General John Galvin, are among 14 retired US generals who have signed an open letter to Presi-dent Clinton declaring a total han "not only humane but also militarily responsible". British diplomats accepted

that Britain's former stance opposing a ban had come under great pressure. But one source suggested that the prevailing view at the Geneva conference favoured a more pragmatic approach.

The aim of the meeting is to revise the 1980 inhumane weapons convention to sale and use of anti-personnel

Given the objections raised ent by India. Pakistan and Russia. Britain believes it better at the conference to concentrate on limited objectives that may attract universal support, such as prohibiting non-detectable mines — if necessary modifying existing stocks by attaching metal strips to plastic casings and encouraging the use of mines which either self-destruct or deactivate themselves after a certain time.

The Labour Party, whose defence spokesman. David Clark, recently visited Cambodia to assess the problem banning all exports of antiain, not just, as at present, of the "dumb" kind which remain active indefinitely.
"I have just returned from a

visit to Cambodia where I saw how the post-war reconstruction was being held up by landmines," Mr Clark said. "I saw hundreds of people, children, women and soldiers, without limbs because of the ravages of landmines." He said Labour was also calling on Nato to devote a proportion of its science budget to developing "de-mining" techniques.



A Cambodian landmine victim. Mines kill or maim 2,000 people a month worldwide

Cuts mean prisoners will lose TVs in cells

Alan Travis Home Affairs Editor

HE Home Secretary. Michael Howard, is to give notice to prisoners in 20 fails that they will lose televisions in their cells in six months' time, despite recognising that they contribute to "order and control" and save

Leaked briefing documents for the Home Secretary also show it is expected that cuts in prison budgets will lead to the closure of some prison wings because environmental health officers will declare them unfit for habitation.

work, including strengthen-ing prison roofs, will lead to the closure of other parts of the jail system because of 'infrastructure failure". The document warns that

cancellation of modernisation

repeatedly condemned the use of police cells, which cost £300 a night for each prisoner.

prison service unions. As well | Camp. Pentonville, Preston, as advising the Home Secre-tary what he could tell them. they also contain sections marked: In Confidence (Not For Use in Meeting). They show that Mr Howard

vice unions: the removal of in-cell televi-sions until after the strategy has been implemented. No

They also warn that the

will mean a significant risk of using police cells". MPs have

up by Home Office officials for a meeting three weeks ago between Mr Howard and the Leeds, Liverpool, North Sea

yould not tell the prison ser-☐ That there should be no public announcement about

new convicted prisoners will be allowed in cell TV with effect from this month, with all others to be given six months' notice of their removal from April. It says that the pace of change reflects "Prison Ser-vice advice on issues such as the risk to good order". Convicted prisoners at

Garth prison, Lancashire, and at Manchester Strangeways will keep their televisions for longer because "more complex issues" are innot been convicted can have TVs in their cells at their own expense because of their legal status.

That most big modernisation schemes are to be dropped from the 1996/97 proSwansez, Wakefield, Wands-worth, Wetherby and Worm-wood Scrubs, Maintenance spending will be reduced to a minimum.

☐ That proposals from gover nors suggest that 60 per cent of prisons will make cuts in their education programmes.

That just under half the prisons are planning to reduce the number of proba-tion staff they employ. "The reduction in posts in 1996-97 is currently estimated at 65, which is about 10 per cent of the number of probation offi-cers (about 630) employed in

☐ About 2,800 prison service jobs are to go over the next three years as part of the 13 per cent cut in prison service budgets. At the same time, 80

accountants are to be recruited, as financial control is inadequate in prisons. National Association of Pro-bation Officers, said: "This

shows that ministerial objec-

the cost of compromising

prison activities security."

Maestro's party pieces prove serious fun

Review

Tim Ashley

ON SATURDAY, Yehudi Menuhin beld his 80th birthday party at the Albert Hall. It was quite a night — that rare thing, a royal gala that managed not to be glitzy, and in which serious music making combined with fun. Significantly, the serious

Significantly, the serious mustic making involved Menuhin himself. The frivolity was other people's doing.
The grand finale was Haydn's Toy Symphony, conducted by Yan-Pascal Tortelier, with a plethora of names wielding the eponymous toys. Humphrey Burton, draped in a football scarf, swung a rat-

tle. Michael Tilson-Thomas, looking acutely embarrassed fluttered alongside Samuel Ramey as a nightingale. Victor Hochhauser struck a tri-angle. Anne-Sophie Mutter was a flirtatious cuckoo. Rostropovitch tootled on a toy trumpet. It was great fun but throughout its course, Menuhin was nowhere to be seen. He reappeared in the royal box, after the symphony was over, to listen to the assembled crowd sing Happy Birthday. His last act, at the end of a wonderful concert, was to plead for an end to haired between nations. It was a moment which empha-

nusician. In an age in which both in an age in which both juvenile prodigies and aged geniuses are becoming increasingly fashionable, Menuhin manages to defeat both stereotypes. His early

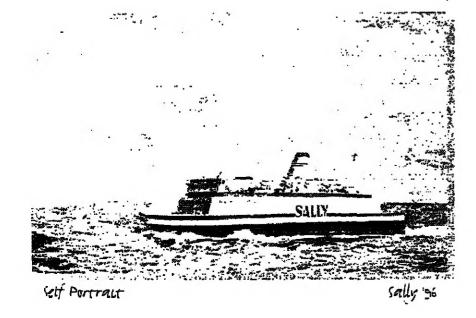
sised his intense seriousn

both as a man and as a

recordings are mythically famous for their virtuosity, yet it is the emotional matu rity of expression that, on repeated listening, continue to impress. As a conductor, he now delivers performances that have a spontaneity rarely found in men half his age.

From my seat, I was able to watch his face as he conducted. His eyes shone and a serene smile played about his lips as he and the RPO accompanied Anne-Sophie Mutter in what proved to be a great performance of Mozart's 5th Vioin Concerto. The same youthfulness suffused his tender account of the Enigma Varia-tions, a performance that got to the heart of what the music is about, a quiet expression of affection and friendship.

The spontaneity of Menuhin's musicianship continues to belie his image as an establishment figure. He is one of music's great progressives.



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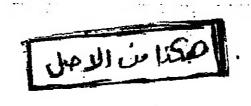
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Robble Coltrane at the Bafta awards, where he picked up the best TV actor award for the third year running for his role in Cracker, again judged best drama series PHOTOGRAPH SEAN SHIT

Emma Thompson heads British film awards

MMA Thompson's lavish film version of Sense and Sensibility won three British Academy Awards last night as the entertainment world continued its love affair with Jane Austen. BBC2's adaptation of Persuasion captured one of the

top TV honours at the ceremony, Britain's equivalent of Hollywood's Oscars. But BBC1's Pride and Prej-udice, which attracted audinces of over 12 million and had been expected to pick up three TV awards, smilered a disappointment. Actress

Jennifer Ehle was the programme's sole winner. Costume drama dominated many of the benours from the British Acade Arts, with the Channel 4-

BAFTA winners Dest actvess: Emma Thomas

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of King George, being film, the two stars of Sense named outstanding British and Sensibility. Thompson film and Nigel Hawthorne and Kate Winslet, won best wimning the best actor title. of Film and Television

his role as Mr Darcy in Pride and Prejudice.

Channel 4's The Politician's Wife, which starred Trevor Eve as a philander-

ing Tory minister and Juliet Stevenson as his revenge-seeking wife, beat Pride and Prejudice to be named best drama serial.

screenplay. The TV awards were

again captured by ITV's Cracker, best drama series

for the second year run-ning. Robbie Coltrane was

best actor for the third

successive year. This year he beat off competition

from Colin Firth, tipped for

The Panorama interview with the Princess of Wales, which attracted last year's largest television audience, of 23 million, won the best talk show category, beating Clive Anderson and ITV daytime duo, Richard Ma-deley and Judy Finnigan.

is also recognition for what brought to the programme. He also thanked BBC press officers for shielding him from "tricky" media

Royal that included the

Princess Royal, Bafta's

Oscar last month for the tin Bashir collected his screenplay.

attention. Jeremy Paxman, the acerbic presenter of News-night, won the Richard Dimbleby award for the year's most important per-

Accepting the award, Mr Bashir, already honoured by the Boyal Television Society and the Broadcasting Press Guild, said: "This is a fantastic honour . . . It

Goldsmith turns screw on Major

OHN MAJOR last night faced fresh pres-sure from the Consersure from the Conservative right wing as Sir James Goldsmith made plain he would not withdraw his threatened Referendum Party challenge and backbench Euro-sceptics stepped up demands that the Cabinet takes threaten line controls. take a tougher line over the European ban on British beef. In his most extensive foray into the political arena since

ending months of silence, Sir James, who has pledged 220 million of his vast fortune to force a referendum on "who governs Britain — Westminster or Brussels" used a television interview by the Government of "a consis-tent record of appeasement" towards the European Union. But with Mr Major repor-tedly having called the EU hi-erarchy "a bunch of shits",

some Tories saw Sir James's tone as covering a discreet retreat from earlier demands for a referendum on the 1991 Maastricht treaty, rathe than on the single currency issue as the Cabinet has now

During a combative and flamboyant performance, the billionaire financier embraced the reported offer of talks from Mr Major's Euro-sceptical ex-colleagus, John Redwood, saying: "If they want to come and talk to me, I'm happy to talk,"
But asked if he would drop

his threat to run candidates against sitting MPs, as Mr Redwood hopes, Sir James replied: "I will listen to his point of view and reject it." Last night Mr Redwood was undismayed, stressing that the Goldsmith camp, not he, had sought the meeting which he hoped would still go ahead.

With Norman Lamont givagement, the financier con firmed "the likelihood" that against the pro-European Conservative MP David Mellor in Putney. With Tory MPs braced for

more pressure on the Cabinet from both sides of the party, there was speculation that bad results in the local elections on May 2 will renew talk of Mr Major standing down. A

him; we'll certainly lose with out him," said one MP.

The most exotic manifesta-tion of subtle pressure from the right wing came in the shape of claims that Mr Major had again resorted to Brixton language to express his fruslanguage to express his frus-trations over Europe. The Sunday Express — no longer the Prime Minister's most reliable press friend — reported that he regards his EU colleagues as having "acted like a bunch of shits" over the beef crists.
"It inst shows there is no

"It just shows there is no such thing as what is good for Burope. The only thing that counts is what is good for each country," a furious Mr Major is supposed to have said at a private meeting after key EU figures, such as the agricultural commissioner, Franz Fischler, were reported as saying they would be pre-pared to eat British beef if it

was not banned.

Downing Street refused to comment, but Mr Major's past form includes his famous "bastards" remark on an open ITN microphone. What the Express report

The PM reportedly accused Brussels of 'acting like a

bunch of shits' over the beef crisis

was mainly designed to do was raise expectations that Mr Major is poised to "get tough" with Europe, possibly by witholding Britain's next £300 million gross monthly payment to the EU if the beef ban is not lifted. Senior officials, fresh from Mr Major's summit in Moscow with key played down the threat. Having explained the de-

man chancellor, Heimut Rohl, the Italian prime minister, Lamberto Dini, and President Jacques Chirac of France — plus the EU Commisson president, Jacques Santer — Mr Major wants calm debate to persuade Europe that Britain is doing enough to calm fears about a link between BSE and CJD in humans.

"It is science that will con-vince people, not threats," few MPs on both Euro-wings said one official. Beef sales are muttering to that effect. are back to 85 per cent of their But more Tories see that as pre-BSE levels, Mr Major has

War? What war? asks Yeltsin

David Hearst in Ricecom

N DOUBLESPEAK worthy of his Soviet predecessors, President Boris Yeltsin declared yesterday that there had been no Russian military operations in Chechenia for three weeks, and that the situation there was "not bad". As Interfax news agency quoted a Russian commander

reporting clashes in five Chechen villages, Mr Yeltsin said baldly: "No military operations have been carried out since March 31," referring to the date of his peace plan, al-though some rebel bands were still running around".

President Clinton, asked why Moscow was not being ed harder by the West on the suffering endured by Chechenia's civilian popula-tion, replied by endorsing Mr Yeltsin's line that the region is part of Russia — but said that Moscow should seek a

news conference after almost five hours of talks with the Russian president. But in the end a free country has to have free association, so there has to be something beyond fighting. There has to be a diplomatic solution." Since Mr Yeltsin tried to implement his ceasefire,

scores of Chechen villages have been bombed and sur-rounded by Russian forces, and more than 120 federal troops have died in fighting. The two presidents met after the nuclear summit of leaders of the group of seven main industrial countries and Russia decided on a largely pre-prepared package of pro-posals on nuclear co-opera-tion and storage, and joint measures against nuclear

Both men attempted to laugh off the abiding impres-sion of the weekend's events

"The US has taken the posi- — that the whole inter- of troops, tanks and armoured tion that Chechenia is a part national show had been personnel carriers allowed in of Russia." Mr Clinton told a arranged to show support for border regions under the Conarranged to show support for Mr Yeltsin in the forthcoming presidential election.

Mr Clinton avoided open endorsement of Mr Yeltsin, but referring to the commu-nist leader, Gennady Zyu-ganov, said: "I don't think we should be under any illusions that people run for offices on platforms that they intend to implement, and therefore all elections involve choices and have consequences." The relationship between Washington and Moscow would be

defined by the poll, he said.

Praising the Yeltsin government's economic reforms, he said they were bearing fruit after very difficult years. "Real progress is being made."
The two presidents

revealed progress on two technical arms control issues which had been complicating their relationship. Mr Yeltsin said the US was in favour of Russia readjusting its quotas

ventional Forces in Europe Treaty. Progress has also been made on an American demand to define missile systems which are not covered by the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, and strategic rockets

No substantial progress

was made on Nato's east-

wards expansion. Mr Clinton reiterated that accepting former Soviet bloc states as members did not represent a however, said Mr Clinton had pledged to use his influence to ensure expansion was not speeded up. He said: "I think a two-way agreement might be worked out. In our view, it might include a provision that no country may be ac-cepted [for Nato membership]

without Russia's agreement.

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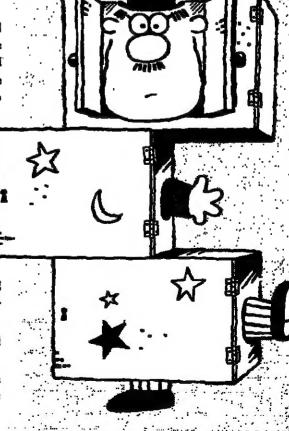
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Polls give edge to Italy's centre-left

John Hooper in Rome

OLLSTERS last night showed the centre-left Olive Tree alliance heading for victory in yester day's Italian general election. An "intention poll" based mainly on data gathered in the week before the vote put the Olive Tree and its Com-munist allies five percentage points ahead. But an exit poll gave the centre-left an edge of only two points over Silvio i's conservative Freedom Alliance. Such a result would proba-

Northern League.

However, the intention poli-did not take into account the peculiarities of Italy's elec-toral system, in which three-

quarters of the seats in both houses are decided on a firstpast-the-post basis: it was based on some 20,000 interviews, of which a quarter were carried out yesterday. The Olive Tree, led by a University of Bologna professor of economics, Romano Prodi, is dominated by the formerly Communist Demo-

Last night's predictions as-sumed that the Olive Tree could count on the parliamen-

tary support of Communist Refoundation, a hard-line party formed after the Italian Communist Party abandoned Marxism and became the PDS. Despite electoral reform tion was unfortunately timed: and three general elections he is on trial for corruption in since 1992. Italian politics is still characterised by short-by executives of his business bly produce a deadlocked par- cratic Party of the Left (PDS); lived governments and a empire.

liament, with the balance between right and left held by numbers of centrists, most of Umberto Bossi's maverick Northern League.

However, the intention poll but it includes substantial plethora of parties. Yester-day's vote was prompted by once belonged to the all-powgovernment led by a former central-banker. Lamberto party. The Olive Tree also takes in Italy's Greens. Dini. He took over after seven

which the country was led by Mr Berlusconi. The television magnate won the 1994 election but lost power when he was deserted by Mr Bossi and most of the League's deputies. For Mr Berlusconi, the elec-



"At some point I realised 'oh, I get it, I have to work' on this too. That's why I've had bad relationships for 30 years, because I don't know how to do that'. That's why I first picked the guitar up, to communicate and connect myself."

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Ministers urge pay rise for MPs

Michael White Political Editor

ENIOR ministers are pressing for a deal to raise MPs' pay and pensions before the summer recess, as a way of retaining the loyalty of a key block of Tory backbenchers and ensuring the Govern-ment's survival into 1997.

Although weekend reports are premature in suggesting that the body reviewing the issue has decided in favour of a 30 per cent rise in basic pay — taking MPs from £34,850 to around £45.000 — there is lit-tle doubt that public opinion is being softened up for a sig-

nificant "catch-up" increase.
Tony Newton, Leader of the Commons, is the central player in balancing John Major's desire not to anger vot-ers — at a time when many pay settlements are in the 2-4 per cent range - with the need to placate MPs who feel they have not shared the gen-

eral rise in prosperity.
Some senior MPs argue that while average pay has risen by 80 per cent in real terms in 30 years, their pay has stayed static, although allowances and expenses the allowances and expenses, vir-tually nil before Harold Wilson took office in 1964, are much more generous.

The key to Mr Newton's calculation, some insiders said last night, was that more than 50 Tory MPs due to stand down at the next election know their pensions will be based on final salary. They want the matter sorted out soon, probably in early July, in case the Government sud-

That would also suit Labour, since Tony Blair could more easily go along with the proposed consensu before an election than be faced with pressure to raise salaries soon after a Labour

MPs' salaries

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cabinet took office. Cabinet ministers' pay, currently £70.000-£80,000, would also rise sharply, though not to the £250,000 needed to restore them to equivalent rates in Victorian times. Yesterday MPs on both

sides said they expected the senior salaries review body (SSRB) to recommend less than £45,000 for backbenchers - possibly a 20 per cent rise to £40,000 - although office allowances and pension rights would also be enhanced.

In a sub-plot, the former prime minister Sir Edward Heath renewed calls for a hefty increase — to £100,000 a year — to be justified by halv-ing the 651 elected members. After the next election there will be 659, some 40 more than when Sir Edward, aged 79, first won Bexley in 1950.

The US, with 250 million people, had only 435 congress-men, he said on GMTV. "MPs ought to be paid three times as much; they ought to be given at least three times the staff to deal with their constituents' problems. Then we might get the right people into Parliament."

Sir Edward's thesis has a

sub-text he is disparaging of the quality of many younger MPs, especially his Thatcherite critics. But most MPs are agreed that the level of constituency casework is much

review Westminster pay levels at the Government's behest after 302 backbenchers signed an all-party motion in-stigated by distinguished, senior colleagues, notably Sir Terence Higgins, Tory MP for Worthing, Alf Morris, Labour MP for Wythenshawe, and the former Liberal leader Sir David Steel The motion did not seek

The motion did not seek "double pay", as reported by some tabloids at the time, though some Tory backbenchers were alleged to have hinted as much in private. They argued that middle-ranking executives in industry had seen their pay rise dramatically in recent years, making Parliament much less. making Parliament much less attractive as a career. The squeeze on outside earnings since Lord Nolan's report on standards in public life will intensify those feelings.

Labour MPs, less concerned about high salaries and less likely to have given them up to enter the Commons, want better allowances for their Westminster and constituency staff.

Muslims gather for emotional tribute to leader who backed fatwa on Salman Rushdie



A mourner at the memorial service yesterday of Kalim Siddiqui. Yosuf Islam, the former Cat Stevens (top right) paid tribute

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Ex-chief constable rounds on Howard

David Pallister

FORMER chief consta Home Secretary,
Michael Howard, of turning higher than a generation ago. Britain into a police state. The SSRB undertook to with MI5 becoming an East German-style Stasi force "where half the population finishes up spying on the other half". John Alderson, chief con-

stable of Devon and Cornwall from 1973 to 1982, accuses Mr Howard of using the language of dictators like Hitler, Mus-solini, and Franco: "Give me your libertles and I will protect you." He also charges the shadow

home secretary, Jack Straw, with moral cowardice in endorsing discredited Victorian values and being fearful of breaking the consensus on rime and punishment. Mr Alderson, a Liberal par-llamentary candidate in 1983,

makes his allegations in the May issue of the socialist magazine, Red Pepper, "Politicians at the moment seem locked in a vicious spiral of building more prisons and incarcerating people who will later come out and commit more crime," he says. The majority of policemen "much prefer to be part of a reactionary force, riding around in cars, sweeping down on of-



John Alderson: 'Victous spiral of building more jails'

Mr Alderson has for 15 years been an adviser on law and order to the Council of Europe, which manages the European Court of Human Rights. His most sinister predic-

tions concern the security service, M15. He describes its new role in combating orga-nised crime as "one of the most worrying developments of modern times". "It is fatal to let the secret service into the area of ordinary crime. he says, because of its

tions, people's jobs and lives. They operate almost like a way to deal with social prob-lems. "This approach has

unaccountability.
They infiltrate organisa-

cancer, infiltrating and de-stroying trust and security between people . . . At the mo-ment the acorn of a Stasi [the former East German secret police) has been planted but it is there for future governments to build on."

Mr Alderson says politicians see criminal justice as a

resulted in a dangerous ratchet effect whereby the control of crime is constantly

being equated with the dimi-nution of liberty."

He places the blame on the "poison" of policing the Northern Ireland troubles and the 1984/85 miners'

"No government in my lifetime has ever given liberty back," he says. "It is not in the nature of governments to grant liberty — they are all about power . . The present party political system is incaparty political system is inca-peble of dealing with the chal-lenges of society."

He sees hope in the moral stand taken by anti-road and animal welfare groups, and particularly the women in-

volved in them. "These protest movements are largely led and moved by

women, and potentially such moral movements can over-take party politics."

Empire of crime | A spokeswoman merely confirmed that an investiboss 'protected by ambitious officers he fed with tip-offs'

STRATHCLYDE police possibility that up to a dozen officers have been protecting Glasgow's top criminals in return for career-enhancing tips on underworld affairs. The source is said to be a

former aide to the 'Mr Rig' who has decided for undisclosed reasons to reveal the extent of the mutually-beneficial arrangement. So far Thomas Bagan's only reward has been an at-tempted assassination on April 1 in Shotts prison, where he is serving 12 years for armed robbery. The Strathclyde force, the second biggest in the UK, was being coy yesterday about the claim that two of its senior detectives have spent much of the past year amassing a tape-recorded archive of Bagan's embar-rassing allegations.

gation was under way into "a number of serious crimes" committed in the area over the past few

According to weekend reports, 'Mr Big' has for years exploited the ambitions streaks of certain Strathclyde officers in order to ensure that a business empire which extends from brothels to drugs remains undisturbed. The man, said to be the

leader of Glasgow under world's notorious Barlan-ark Team, has allegedly exchanged information on small-scale crimes for an understanding that his own operations will not be Collaborators, uneasy at

this method of impressing superiors, are apparently restrained from terminating the arrangement by the documentary evidence of their corruption that Mr Big has carefully collected. They may also have been frightened of crossing him: Bagan has reportedly

linked his former colleague to the unsolved double murder of two Glasgow gangsters in 1991 — be-lieved to be one of the "serious crimes" Strathclyde wife, two daughters and



UNDREDS of Muslims
gathered yesterday in an
emotional open-air tribute to
Britain's prominent hardline
Muslim leader Kalim Siddicul.
He was described by gue

He was described by guest speakers, including Yusuf Islam, the former pop star Cat Stevens, as "the leading Mus-lim of his generation" during passionate speeches at the

passionate speeches at two-hour service.

The founder of the Muslim Parliament in Great Britain died last week from a heart attack. He had had bypass surgery last June. He achieved fame when he backed the Ayatollah Khomeini's fatwa Ideath senmeini's fatwa [death sentence] on Salman Rushdie and demanded Britain chop

off the hands of thieves.

During the funeral service at Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire, many of his followers cheered when "Salman the blasphemer" was condemned.
The father of three died in Pretoria, South Africa, during a conference on his vision ing a conference on his vision of a new Islamic civilisation. His speeches were broadcast to more than 300,000 people.

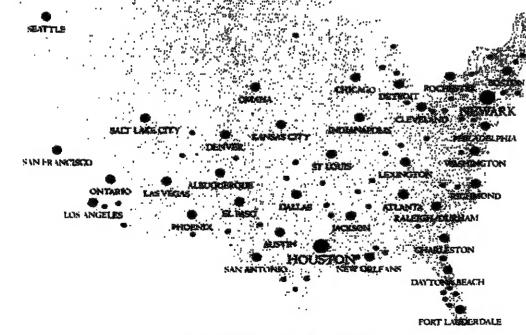
Dr Siddiqui's associate, Dr Mohammed Ghyassuadin,

said: "He represented the in-ternal ethos of millions of people all over the world." Yaqub Zaki, a member of the Muslim Parliament, said: "It is a comment on the said: "It is a comment on the sad state of the Muslim world today that such a man was not at the helm of a Muslim nation and had to do his work

here in exile." Yusuf Islam said: "The movement he left can only survive if it is based on the understanding of its princi-ples. He spoke truthful words and that is the most important thing which is said in the Koran.

Dr Siddiqui underwent a heart bypass operation last June. He was also an author and a former sub-editor on the Guardian. He leaves a

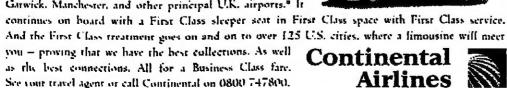
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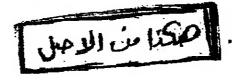
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'Feminist zealots thrive on grievances and use minorities as raw material for their whinge factories'

Maverick solicitors' leader lays down law to women on sex discrimination

HE MAVERICK president of the Law Society confirmed his rep-utation as "the deepest of reactionaries" when he tried to convince an audience of 300 women barris-ters and solicitors that zealots had made men the victims of

discrimination. Martin Mears, who trounced the society's official candidate last July, denied at a conference called Changing the Culture that women suffered any disadvantages in the largel profession. The conthe legal profession. The con-ference, at the Law Society in London on Saturday, was the second in a series designed to identify and rectify problems

dangerous enemies in predict-Mr Mears met a stony able places" when he first at-

est diatribe against political correctness. It was "a non-sense and a fiction" that women suffered prejudice in the public or quasi public sec-tor, and it was men who were

discriminated against.
The leader of the 70,000 solicitors in England and Wales castigated "discrimination zealots who thrive on grievances and heresy-hunting and use minorities as raw material for their whinge factories. He said the gap between the

proportion of women and men achieving partnership at men achieving partnership at the expected time — 54 per cent of women and 79 per cent of men reach partnership within 10 to 19 years of qualifying — could be largely explained by women's carear breaks to raise families.

He had made "bitter and dancerous enemies in readict.

nism is the orthodoxy, and it

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Practising solicitors under 30

industry" at the society's is a bold heretic who chal-amoual conference last Octo-ber. In nearly all the circles in which he mixed, "femi-in which he mixed, "femi-without some new example

ing", such as the "scandal" of | said the question of how to ing , such as me scannar or the 14-year-old girl who won a tribunal case against a news-agent who refused her a paper delivery job because it was too dangerous for a girl He wanted to comfirm his

reactionary reputation by saying that male warders had no place in a female prison or female warders in a male prison. And the "taboo" against female combat sol-diers, which the Defence Sec-retary, Michael Portillo, was

retary, Michael Portillo, was said to be thinking of abolishing, should be reinforced.

The Bar's chairman, David Penry-Davey QC, was loudly applauded as he departed from his prepared speech to tell Mr Mears: "I believe there are problems, and that the presence of so many people at

balance work and family life "intimately concerns men. We are talking about how to get a balance in our lives, how to fulfil ourselves through work, but not at the expense of our families.

expense of our families.

"So many men confine themselves to a one-dimensional way of life, dedicated to their work, and miss out on their families. Women are much more determined to have a proper balance. If women get the balance right they can liberate men."

An Armed Court judge An Appeal Court judge, Lord Justice Otton, criticised

the male-dominated judicial appointments system for cre-ating a "glass ceiling" for women on the bench. "Male presence of so many people at this conference is some indication of the reality."

Cherie Booth QC, wife of acceptable lack of representations.

News in brief

Book sales fall despite price cut

BOOK sales revenue fell by 6.8 per cent in the three months after the collapse of the Not Book Agreement which controlled prices maintenance and despite predictions of a rise by the big publishers, according to figures released yesterday by the Family Expenditure Survey. Spending on books in the final quarter of 1995 was the lowest for six years. Customers lured into shops appear to have ended up spending less than usual. Frank Fishwick, director of the trade's research project on the effects of the collapse of the agreement, admitted the trend could not be due to an economic downturn and the National

could not be due to an economic downturn and the National Lottery as video and record sales soared. "More copies of best sellers appear to have been sold but at the expense of other books. The net result is that total book sales were lower than they probably would have been if the discounting had not occurred. These are early days. But the data will make some readers wonder whether the agreement should have been cast aside quite so hastily."

— John Ezard

BBC Arabic service stopped

JOURNALISTS on the BBC's Arabic news service were sent bone on full pay yesterday after the Saudi-owned Orbit Communications which owns the satellite that transmits the service to the Middle East announced it would no longer be carrying the channel. Its decision followed Saudi profests about coverage of an application for political asylum in Britain by the Saudi dissident Mohammed al-Mas'ari and a Panorama programme about the

Mohammed at-Mas'ari and a Panorama programme about the affair included allegations of human rights abuses and secretly-filmed footage of a man being executed by sword.

BBC Worldwide Television will now have talks with the Romebased Orbit to end the contract to supply eight hours of news and information in Arabic. The BBC first learned of Orbit's decision when a message was broadcast to subscribers at the end of yesterday's output.

Coach firm to get rail line

NATIONAL Express is today expected to be officially awarded the next rail line to be sold off — Midland Main Line despite already running coach services on the route from St Pancras station. London, to Leeds via Leicester, Nottingham, Derby and Sheffield.
The company which won the Gatwick Express franchise earlier
this month had been named in advance as the preferred bidder for
Midland Main Line by the franchising director Roger Salmon
because he wanted the Office of Fair Trading to look at the

Cat link to lead levels

FURRY pets — particularly cats — seem to slightly increase levels of lead in children's blood, according to researchers at Bristol University and the Thomas Coram Institute, London, The bloodlead levels were generally low and were considered harmless. A study of 575 children aged over two showed that blood/lead levels were higher in families with dogs and cats compared with those who had none. They were even more marked for those families with a car. Researchers believe the animals carry lead-laden dust into homes and pass it on when they are stroked.

Musical sour note

THE musical life of the nation will be threatened unless radical action is taken to protect music education, the Federation of Music Services (FMS), warned at its launch in Oxfordshire yesterday. Budget cuts and the reorganisation of local government was forcing schools to "give music provision the Cinderella treatment". Young talent was being lost and prestigious events such as the Schools Prom concerts held each November at the Daniel Albert Med could be incommended. Royal Albert Hall could be in jeopardy. — Stuart Millor

SDLP leader stays in hospital

Democratic and Labour Party, is expected to remain in St Thomas's hospital, central London, until mid-week, after fainting on a BBC radio broadcast last week. The MP for Newry and Armagh and deputy to John Hume will miss the two remaining days of Commons debate on the bill for elections in Northern Iraland.

Police drop 'race' lecturer

CHRIS Brand, the Edinburgh university psychology lecturer who claims that black people are less intelligent than whites, is to be dropped as a consultant psychologist by Lothian and Borders police, its deputy chief constable Graham Power said. Dr Brand whose book on intelligence was withdrawn by the publishers last week, will not be retained after he completes a contract to develop a psychometric test for chief inspectors seeking promotion.

Shart Millor

Ecstasy man 'stable'

A 20-YEAR-OLD Liverpool man is in a stable condition after taking three tablets of ecstasy at a nightchib in Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, early on Saturday morning. A North Staffordshire Royal Infirmary spokesman said his condition was

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China in row with palace

ROBLEMS over the or-dering of royal china to go on sale to commemo-rate the opening to the public of Buckingham Palace have made a mug out of one Britain's smallest and finest bone china manufacturers.

Brenda Graves, owner of Sevarg Fine Bone China in Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire, mortgaged her home to pay her workers after an extraordinary miscalculation by the palace on how popular the muga tea cups and saucers would be with the public. . A letter of protest has been

stock of £20,000 worth of com-memorative china has been

prises before the opening of only to be entirely snapped up the palace to pay for the resto-by the media at a pre-launch



Brenda Graves with some of the china her company made for Buckingham Palace's souvenir shop

ration of Windson Castle after the fire in 1992. The fire is

Severy was choose as it had a good report in supplying the Queen Mother's resileft in store in Stoke-on-Trent pending a settlement of a two-year argument. Even the arch critic of royal waste on the public accounts select committee, Alan Williams, MP for Swansea West, is trying to help resolve the row.

It began ever the initial files of the royal family was being sweetly underestimated. But the palace persisted, and the first batch was sent, where he force it is committed to the royal family was being sweetly underestimated.

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Mrs Graves said: "The cause bad weather cut sales.

out a second mortgage.

Mrs Grayes insists she was given a verbal assurance by the pelace to har request for money on top of her quoted prices to cover additional expenses — particularly deliveries that moved from four said she had received.

2600,000 and 2700,000 of stock have no idea that fine bone she had to engage 15 more china has to be individually band east. It is not a question out a second mortgage. Buckingham Palace disputes that this verbal assurpries that this vertex assur-ance was given, although Mrs Graves did write a letter to the palace in 1995, which mentioned the assurances she

negotiations for 173,000 mugs, pill boxes, cup and saucers, Buckingham Palace switched the order to Royal Grafton, one of her main subcontrac tors, to save £20,000.

"The management of the whole thing by the Royal Collection appeared completely unprofessional," she said. Buckingham Palace sees it differently. Michael Peat, di- duty to Mrs Graves."

they do not provide any basis for a claim.

Buckingham Palace also I rector of finance of the Royal

Alan Williams said yester-day: "The palace may be le-gally right to say this, but I believe they have a moral

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certainly very distressing and

I was very sorry to hear about her company's plight. How-ever I am required to con-

sider the facts and I am afraid

contractual or legal obliga-

Leaks to media force Queen to cancel birthday meal at restaurant and settle for quiet evening at Windsor

surance

THE Queen was forced to celebrate her 70th birth-day last night in even greater privacy than in-tended after news of the family's outing to a restaurant leaked to the press.

Prince Edward had began gathering. A private

reserved a table at the Roux brothers' Waterside Inn on the Thames at Bray, Berkshire, the only restaurant outside London accorded three Michelin stars and where dinner can cost and could have been a dittend church at Sandring, had on the Norfolk estate and greet her as she went for a walkabout.

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Yeltsin's chance to rattle the West

The Russian president ¹ goes to China later this week, eager to make friends. However he fears a proverbial prick. In this article, **David Hearst** previews the visit

imperialists" and Israelis expansionists". Today the Chinese are variously along the exposed 2,000 mile common border, a potentially huge trading partner, and a strategic counter-weight to

You want it, but it pricks" oes an old Russian proverb about the desire to grasp something that could hurt you. China could well provide a lucrative market for Russia's high-techology arms sales, replacing those it has lost in central and eastern

One occurred on Damanski Island in the river Ussuri. An

advance party of Chinese "in-vaded" the island, opening fire on a group of border

The Russians replied with a grad missile attack which wiped out all the Chinese on are still visible. The Primoria region voted in 1993 for the extreme nationalist Vladimir

Zhirinovsky, and last Decemnady Zyuganov. Russian land is measured the hearts and minds of na-tionalists, who have seen Primoria flooded with Chinese traders and ask when the month and a half away from a

presidential election. He wants to tie up a border bome demands that he fudge the issue. Confronted with reports that Mr Yeltsin in-tended to hand over 3,700

which was " highly appre ated" in the Chinese capital. and oil to China. An agree ment foresees the building of oil and gas pipelines running from Krasnoyarsk and Irkutz

Russia can trade with East and West. Eastern markets may even prove richer

the deputy foreign minister, Alexander Panov, insisted last week: "We are nothing of the kind."

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cific Basin. But again he face sian regions are strongly anti-

Even before the death of Ma Yeltsin's first radical democrat government, the Chinese way to market reform was na's goal of a

In Russia's case, this will almost certainly mean an increase in protectionist mea-sures, which might revive the idea of free economic zones. Russia and China have moot-

goals towers a larger strategic one, not just for Mr Yeltsin but for any future president

clear summit in Moscow, but

With Russia's western bor sion of Nato, and its southern borders in the Caucasus and Central Asia aflame in two wars, it is important for Russia to have one flank which is

A Sino-Russian rapprochesignal Russia could offer the West that it has a choice. Russia remains a Euro-

Asian power. It can trade with the East as well as the West many would say the markets in the East are poten-

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Catalans gain wide powers

Adela Gooch in Madrid

PAIN'S centre-right Popular Party is close to forming a government with the backing of Catalan nationalists, after agreeing to grant sweeping powers not just to Catalonia but to all the

"We are in touching dis-tance of an accord," the PP's chief negotiator, Rodrigo Rato, said yesterday after a meeting between the PP leader, José Maria Aznar, and the Catalan regional presi-dent, Jordi Pujol.

The Catalans were cagler. Mr Pujol said progress had been made but there were still points to be settled. "We must press on and see if we possible we may not."

But after seven weeks of credence to Mr Pujol's fre quent threat to withhold support and provoke fresh

The PP and Mr Pujol's nationalist coalition share common ground on economic pol-icy and social issues. The tion, on which Mr Aznar has given way, abandoning an election pledge to halt regiondoubt that he will be confirmed as prime minister in an investiture vote before the formal opening of parliament

The process has been convoluted because Mr Aznar ran an election campaign showing scant regard for Catalan sensitivities after opinion polls convinced him he was likely to obtain a full

Abbé defends philosopher accused of anti-Semitism

l per cent PP advantage over the Socialists, 20 seats short

of a majority in the 350-seat parlinment — left Mr Aznar with no alternative but to win

port of four Canary Island na-

The PP, eager to take office,

has watched in silence as Mr

RANCE'S most popular personality. Abbe Pierre, has publicly backed the philosopher Roger Garaudy, aged 83, who will be tried on over the Catalans, whose 16 seats gave them the balance of power. He will also have the sup-Thursday for questioning offi-cial versions of the Holocaust. Mr Garaudy faces a prison sentence for his latest book, tionalist MPs, close to the PP in ideology and background. The Founding Myth of Israeli Politics, published by a firm

that specialises in anti-Jew-ish views of Hitler's crimes. Aznar carried out a sharp U-The movement against rac-ism, MRAP, started the proseturn, professing admiration for Catalan culture and traditions while negotiating concessions on tax, control over oud Aounit, said the book's the police and prisons, and transport and trade policy. orguments were twisted and insulted Jewish memory by questioning the numbers who died at Auschwitz and in Ostensibly, the negotiations also required Mr Pujol to

make a U-turn by switching allegiance in the run-up to the "You are one of those mer who will never cease to be torelection from Felipe González, the Socialist whom he mented by a devouring hun-ger for the absolute truth," the priest, also 83, said yesterkept in power for three years. In fact Mr Putol relishes the day in a letter to Mr Garaudy, role of kingmaker and the opa lifelong friend. The abbe said he had his portunity it provides for him

to exact concessions, but some own doubts. He had visited of his supporters remain unconvinced.
The negotiations have been Auschwitz six months ago and seen a plaque commemo-rating 4 million dead. This had since been changed to cessions given to Catalonia will almost certainly have to

"When people talk of Abbé be applied to other regions promised to stop devolution will in fact be extending it. nary." Mr Garaudy said. "Shouldn't we be talking about the error of Shimon The concessions offered include doubling to 30 per cent Peres instead? We haven't the share of income tax revefired on ambulances, or killed nue administered directly by

In the past few days there Mr Garaudy will be dehave been mutterings from other political forces that the fended in court by Jacques Verges, whose clients have inconcessions amount to an cluded the SS chief in Lyons, Klaus Barbie, and his French



A man repairs his house in a once front-line suburb. Now the windows will be smaller and will not face the mountains

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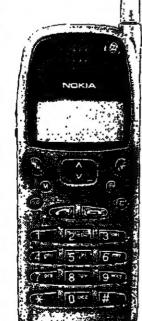
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rebuild their city. Julian Borger reports on a far-reaching architectural debate

but has given its residents the opportunity to

from Sarajevo's streets, architects are ten tatively sketching plans for the battered capital, in the hope of recapturing some of its pre-war charm and takng advantage of its disrepair to do away with the

creasing pressure to suburbs. "We are trying to rebuild quickly as soldiers fight them, and argue that return from the front. The it is better to rebuild flats streets and cafes are full of and a medical centre first," demobilised fighters look- she said.

fill the broken once the hallmark of for-glass and rubble mer Yugoslavia's commu-are being cleared nist rulers.

"Sometimes money doesn't bring beauty and heritage. Sometimes money brings bad architects, Said Jamakovic, head of urban planning in the city council, said.

Aida Mandic-Kalauzoconcrete legacy of socialism.

Despite widespread doubts about how long the peace will last, there is increased in the peace will be a peace will last, there is increased in the peace will be a pe centre in one of the western suburbs. "We are trying to

Mrs Mandic-Kalauzovic Meanwhile, foreign donors are flying in with proposals for cheap building
estates and the sort of grandiose projects which were

Mars manuic-maiatzovic
and a group of her colleagues meet every Friday
to discuss Sarajevo's architectural future. It is the
continuation of a debate

of "warchitecture" Now the architects'

association is preparing for the first international workshop on "post-warchi-tecture" in Munich next Some of the city's prob-

lems are urgent. For exam-ple, almost all Sarajevo's trees were chopped down for firewood. On the northern hills, deforestation, along with the lack of drains, threatens to cause a mudslide which could de-stroy thousands of shacks and houses built without planning permission in the last years of communism.

The city council is carry-

ng out an emergency treeplanting programme to strengthen Sarajevo's northern flank.

But there is also a far-reaching debate on how the city might break free of the twin legacies of war and dictatorship. Many in the architects' association be-lieve the city should draw

technology. "The people who lived in

the big skyscrapers had great problems during the war. The lifts broke and the water pumps stopped working. There were no chimneys for fires and no storerooms for wood,'' Jamakovic said.

The concrete housing estates in the west of the city were reduced to squalor by the war. The open spaces between the tower blocks of New Sarajevo became a dangerous wasteland, with no shelter from the elements or mortars. At the harrow eastern

end of a tapering valley, the city's Ottoman heart of 16th-century mosques, nar-row streets and low, tiled houses proved remarkably resilient. Mr Jamakovic attributes this to the old Turkish building style, in which districts, or maholos, were built around small courtyards and fountains. Residents of the old quar-

lessons from its pre-social-ist past. They say the war for each other and put out | side of the house."

communities rather than Partly as a result, the survival rate was significantly higher than in the suburbs.

Jean-François Daoulas, a

French urban planner working in Sarajevo for the United Nations, believes duced, by building groups of low houses, offices, parks and sports facilities between the concrete "cliffs and canyons".

There is an opportunity to do something now. Sara-jevans can rebuild their uren culture," Mr Daoules said.

When construction begins in earnest it is likely to bear the mark of "warchi tecture". Most architects say it will be impossible to shring off their siege mentality and the fear that hos-tilities might start again.

"Before the war, we used to build houses with very big windows facing the mountains, where the shells came from," Mr Ja-makovic said. "Now we will make our windows smaller,

Tribunal may have to turn to charities

Roy Gutman in Washington

TYMIED by Nato's refusal to take an active role in the search for war criminals in Bosnia, the Clinton administration has begun canvassing foreign charities to take on work refused by the military.

The plan, which seems troops, of whom 20,000 are prioritise work. American, is for a charity to ciear mines at mass graves.

for investigators from the Hague War Crimes Tribunal, help with investigations and another job the military refuses to take on.

The tribunal wants Nato to said security at the grave sites was precarious and sites was precarious and provide that support given there was a significant damager of tampering.

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"We have been ap-proached," said Svein Henriksen of Norwegian People's Aid, a charity which conducts humanitarian mine clearing in post-war zones and already planned to go to Bosnia. But it would be a mouth or two bebizarre in the light of the da-ployment of 80,000 Nato tional, and it would have to

The stand-off between Nato and the tribunal will delay in-vestigators, especially if the also looking into hiring pri- cash-strapped tribunal must vate firms to provide security | pay for its own security.

separate the sides and every-thing else is secondary.

The Clinton administration is split over how to respond. The state department wants Nato to do more, starting by detaining the Bosnian Serb president, Radovan Karadzic, and General Ratko Mladic, both indicted for genocide and crimes against humanity. But Pentagon officials say their arrests would lead to

recriminations, creating risks for Nato troops.

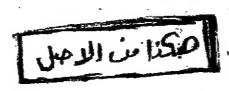
"We're not going to be getting into the business of guarding mass grave sites," Major Jerry Renne, a Nato spokesman in Sarajevo, told Newsday this month. "We will do other things, such as aerial surveillance. We simply don't have the manpower to guard these grave sites."
But according to the tribu-nal's acting director, Susan-nah Sirkin, inadequate secu-

rity at the grave sites would make forensic investigations

Even Nato's aerial surveillance has proved inadequate. It learned of serious tampering at two sites only from news reports. — Newsday.

The Bosnian government

freed the separatist Serb Colonel Aleksa Krsmanovic yesterday, two weeks after he was returned to its custody by the tribunal, which found no evidence on which to indict him. He was released with 10 other Serbs captured shortly before last year's Dayton



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News in brief

Nigeria detains 'subversive' sultan

NIGERIA announced a new sultan of Sokoto, Muhammed Maccido, yesterday after General Sani Abacha's military gov-ernment sacked and detained his predecessor, Alhaji Ibrahim

Dasuki.
The dramatic ousting of Sultan Dasuki is probably the most significant of Gen Abacha's attacks on the Nigerian establishment. The sultanate is the highest spiritual authority for Nigeria's more than 50 million Muslims. It has also wielded substantial political power within the dominant Northern

The state governor, Colonel Yakubu Muazu, says Sultan Dasuki was removed for falling to respect "constitutional au-thority" and engaging in "subversive activies". Sultan Dasu-ki's son, Colonal Sambo Dasuki, is in exile in the United States following Gen Abacha's announcement that he is wanted in

following Gen Abacha's amouncement that he is wanted in connection with an alleged coup plot. Sultan Dasuki is due to face a tribunal investigating Nigeria's failed banks. Until he was appointed sultan in 1986, he chaired the Nigerian subsidiary of the failed Bank of Credit and Commerce International and was sharply criticised in a US

Commerce International and was sharply criticised in a US congressional report on the BCCI.

An anonymous document circulating in the Nigerian capital, Abuja, accuses Sultan Dasuki of plotting with Saudi Arabian authorities to disrupt Nigerian Muslims making the haif to Mecca. Last month the Saudis banned Nigerian pilgrims, saying they did not want to risk the spread of meningitis.

Last week Gen Abacha sacked 16 senior army officers in what Western diplomats interpreted as a move to consolidate his army power base. One of his hispest military risels. Malor.

army power base. One of his biggest military rivals, Major-General Ahmed Abdullahi, was retired. — Potrick Smith.

Diplomats linked to child sex

AUSTRALIA has launched an independent investigation into accusations that Australian diplomats in Asia have used aid money to buy access to orphans for child sex.

The foreign minister, Alexander Downer, amounced the inquiry yesterday during an official visit to Thailand's capital, Bangkok, after Sydney's Sun-Herald newspaper reported the

The latest claims follow recent investigations into the activities of several envoys. One former senior diplomat has been charged for paedophile activities and is due to appear in court in Australia later this month. Another two are under investigation for similar

offences.
"We are going to deal with this sort of behaviour quite ruft."
"We are going to deal with this sort of behaviour quite ruft." sly," Mr Downer said. "I am not having Australian diplomats" reputations smeared if their reputations do not deserve to be smeared." — AP, Sydney.

China broadcasts US beating

AS A United Nations panel prepares to vote on a resolution condemning Chinese human rights abuses tomorrow. Beijing has stepped up a sweeping media counter-attack against the United States, focusing on the videotaped beating of Mexican illegal immigrants by sheriff's deputies in California.

Chinese commentators on television news programmes and in leading Communist Party newspapers have repeatedly cited the beatings as an example of US hypocrisy in attacking China's human rights practices. An editorial in the leading party newspaper, the People's Daily, said: "The United States labels itself as an exemplar of human rights and has censured some developing countries for their human rights conditions. But this time they outdid themselves. American police beat impocent people in front of a camera's lens and gave a thorough demonstration of their

The incident has been featured in the editorial cartoons of several newspapers. The People's Daily depicted helmeted police in military uniforms clubbing a sombrero-clad Mexican and a black man. In the English language China Daily, a fat policeman was shown holding a bloody truncheon and shorting impugies rolled paper megaphons labelled "Human Richard Congress" and Angeles Times, Beijing.

Thai mother killed in ritual

AN EXORCIST beat a mother of two to death after she refused to pay a bill for ritualistic beatings. Thailand's Nation newspaper reported vesterday. reported yesterday.

reported yesterday.
Sommai Chaipanya, aged 38, died from ritualistic beatings to her head and genitals with a dried stingray tail, the paper said. She had at first agreed to the beatings, which her family suggested as a way to get rid of evil spirits. But she later fied to escape them and refused to pay a £100 fee.

The female shaman then allegedly abducted her and continued the ritual until Chaipanya died.

Police arrested Tip Dongsaengkaew, aged 57, in Udon Thani

and charged her with murder. — AP, Bongkok;

Burundi villagers slaughtered

ARMED grammen killed 20 villagers, many of them women and children, and set several homes on fire in southern Burundi, the

country's radio said yesterday.

The attack in Rutovu commune in Bururi province occurred on Friday night, said the broadcast, which was monitored in Kenya.

The radio report did not identify the raiders. But extremist Hutus have stapped up attacks in southern Burundi in recent



PEACEKEEPERS took control of central Monrovia yesterday as a ceasefire agreement came into effect in the Liberian capital after two weeks of fighting between rival militias. Members of the West African peacekeeping force Ecomog, fanned out in the city centre and around the Barclay Training Centre barracks, trying to persuade rival militiamen to withdraw from the frontline (above). Edward Solo, the secretary general of the Ulimo-J faction, said the militia would withdraw to its base in

Tubmanburg. Ecomog said it had secured the release of 127 people including 71 foreigners — from the barracks, where thousands of civilians have been trapped by the fighting. More than 200 people have now been freed from the

clean water and return to their homes. Generators hummed as businessmen began clearing up their looted shops. Scores of bodies, half-eaten by dogs and birds, lay unclaimed on the streets. — Reuter, Monrovia.

Sri Lanka pounds Tigers

SRI LANKAN forces pounded Tamil Tiger guerrillas from the air land and sea as thousands of troops pushed deeper into the rebels' Jaffina peninsula stronghold in the north, the army said

The army, advancing on four fronts, may try to trap rebels by capturing a lagoon crossing and cutting off the peninsula from the mainland in a pincer movement, residents said.

Troops killed at least 30 Tamil Tiger rebels on Saturday, the

second day of the assault, codenamed Operation Riviresa Two. The guerrilla death toll has now risen to 80. The army said troops had advanced about five miles by Saturday after taking the rebels

by surprise.
It said two soldiers had been killed and 18 wounded. "Enemy resistance has not been heavy. They are harassing us with small arms, mortars and machine guns." - Reder, Colombo.

Police uncover Hamas 'plot to kill Arafat' • Syria watches failure of military might



SIX members of the Is-lamic militant group Hamas, arrested by Palestinian police who suspected them of plotting to assassi-nate Yasser Arafat, chair-man of the PLO, talk to

Gaza City writes.

The attack was to take place during a scheduled visit by Mr Arafat to a cametery in Gaza City on April 28, Colonel Tawfiq Jaher, sented six of the content of the co

"Two explosive parcels

conference in Gaza City head of Palestinian intelliperated yesterday. Said Ghazali in gence in southern Gaza, Gaza City writes. Hamas members arrested in connection with the plot. He said two of the men He said two of the men had been co-operating with police and had exposed 16

underground Hamas cells.

snicide bombings in Israel. He said the two would be

One of the arrested men, identified only as Motaz, said he was asked three months ago by Ziad

and the prevention of six (Qishawi, a Jordan-hased Hamas activist, to kill Mr Arafat. Motaz said his col-leagues debated the idea and turned themselves

Diplomatic efforts show some hope in Lebanon

Derek Brown in Jerusalem, David Hirst in Behut

OUR days of intensive diplomatic effort had failed last night to produce a ce Lebanon. But as five foreign ministers, including the United States secretary of state Warren Christopher, continued to shuttle between Damascus, Beirut and Jerusalem, there was some sign of a scaling down of the ugly, if lopsided, military contest be-tween Israel and the Hizbullah guerrillas.

raids on the Tyre district of south Lebanon, while artillery units maintained a steady fire on suspected Hi2bullah positions. The guerrillas, meanwhile,

fired an estimated 20 Katyusha rockets into northern Israel, compared to about 100

Amed DIB'S 6-year-old son had his leg am-putated and surgery performed on his stomach

on Friday, but Mr Dib could not be with him.

Mr Dib's wife died in the

Israeli attack on the refu-

gee-filled United Nations

base in Qana, Lebanon, on

children are missing, prob-ably dead. Until he is sure,

threats by other Islamist groups to kidnap US citizens. In Cairo, The Vanguards of Conquest threatened to attack Americans and Israelis around the world in retaliation for the military offensive in Lebanon.

sinister new intervention: |

The statement was faxed to a Western news agency in Cairo. There was no way of independently verifying the communique, but it followed the format of earlier statements from the group.

Also yesterday, a leader of Egypt's militant al-Gamaa al-

Islamiya (Islamic Group) threatened to kidnap Americans to force the US government to free Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman The French foreign minis-

ter, Hervé de Charette, who has been at the forefront of negotiations since the start of the crisis, said in Damascus after meeting his Iranian counter-part Ali Akbar Velayati: "We expect the Iranian government Yet even as the main con-frontation essed, there was a fashion to a ceasefire".

shrapnel from head to toe and covered in bandages

and tubes. His aunt was with him some of the time. He asked for an occasional fizzy drink, but otherwise

lay quietly. The doctors ex-

amined him, but a quick walk down the hospital cor-ridors showed that he was

not their top priority.

Hafes al-Assad of Syria concrete result, Mr Christo-wanted a "reaffirmation" of the US-brokered understand-timistic, as he has been since ings that ended the last big the fighting brought on a cri-

"I think he is in agreement that it should be in writing this time," he said. He did not touch on the point that such resifirmation is what Hi2bullah wants too.

Shelkh Hassan Nasrallah, secretary-general of Hizbul-lah, said in Damascus that the 1993 understandings had to be reinforced. He said Hizbullah would

stop firing rockets into north-ern Israel if there were stricter rules against Israeli attacks on civilians in Lebanon. He also demanded "real guarantees" against Israeli air raids on Beirut's southern suburbs. But he added that there

could be no question of cur-tailing Hizbullah's right to attack Israeli soldiers on Leb-tyusha bombardment.

For his part, Mr Christo-pher did not acknowledge that Iran had a part to play in Lebanon. He said President anese soil. "So long as there is occupation, there is resis-tance," he said. Despite his to produce any

on Thursday, when Israeli shells killed 102 Lebanese refugees sheltering in a United Nations base.

"The negotiations are going to be very difficult. There are some tough issues remain-ing," he told the US television network ABC. "But I feel con-fident that we will ultimately

achieve our goals." He was speaking after talks with Shimon Peres, the Israeli prime minister, who also suggested that it would take some time - "hopefully some days" - to arrange a

Mr Peres has emphatically rejected a unilateral Israeli easefire, and insists that he will call off the land, sea, and

haven't found them." Abbas Nasrallah, a car-

incoming ambulance and mearly rioted as they tried to find out who was inside. Ing in one after another. I remember a guy turning to me and saying, Why

penter aged 31 who was in-terviewed 15 minutes after

having his leg amputated, remembers the glass shat-tering and the shells com-

Tables turning against Israel

Tel Aviv's offensive has failed on three fronts, **David Hirst** in Beirut writes.

HERE was no way, said the Damascus press v terday, that Syria would be a "gendarme" for Israel in its occupation of South

Lebanon. President Hafez al-Assad was undoubtedly a target of Is-rael's Grapes of Wrath cam-paign against his Hizbullah protégés. Judging by his state-controlled media, he believes

he has turned the tables. At the start of the campaign, Israel made it clear that it expected Preident Assad to ratify, and help enforce, its expected outcome - the

neutralisation of Hizbullah. Mr Assad is more than will-ing to ratify the outcome, provided it is he, more than they, who dictates what it will be, Essentially, he wants a return to the US-brokered understandings that ended the last big flare-up in July 1993. That is what Hizbullah

wants too, for it enshrines its right to resistance in the form Desperate relatives scour hospitals of attacking Israeli soldiers in occupied Lebanon. Seen from here, Grapes of Wrath is a military, political,

tals in Tyre, Nikoura and Beirut.

That left little Mohammed lying in his bed alone, without a leg, bruised from by the fact that the authorisers and the without a leg, bruised from by the fact that the authorisers are legal to the second them. So the second them is a second of the second them. So the second them is an aged 11, is in Hammond hospital with shrapping and logged in his brain. The task is complicated by the fact that the authorisers are legal to the second them. and moral failure. Israel greatly under-estimated the number of Katyu-sha missiles in Hizbullah's

possession and its own ability to strike at Katyusha depots and disrupt supplies. Israel's political failure lies in its mistaken assumption that the more pain it inflicted

on Lebanon's civilians, economy, and post-war reconstruction the more Lebanon and the Lebanese would turn against Hizbullah and endorse its demand for an end to their resistance.

But on the whole, Lebanon has never been so at one with itself in adversity as it has

since Grapes of Wrath began. With its continuing salvos, Hizbullah is quenching a thirst for revenge among the campaign's main victims, the Shi'ites.

Among communities for which Islamic fundamentalism is normally anathema there is sympathy for the res which in 1982 hosted the Israeli army, staged a rally in support. One Christian speaker urged Hizbullah to rename the movement the Lebanese Resistance.

To these Israeli failures was added last week the international public relations di-saster of the shelling of the UN refugee camp at Qana. It created a new and ad-

verse moral balance of power to which the US could not but pay heed. Having given Israel the green light to break Hiz-bullah, the US reverted to urging "restraint".

The only way Israel can now hope to achieve Grapes of Wrath's aims is to escalate the campaign far beyond the point ever intended. Since its orime minister. Shimon eres, has ruled out a ground offensive, there are only two

ways it could do that.
One would be to inflict even greater pain on the Lebanese state and people. The other would be to turn on Syrian troops in Lebanon. The effectiveness of the

first course is doubtful and would stretch international relations even further. And despite its military superiority, Israel is clearly not yet ready to follow the second. That would risk an all-out showdown with Syria and wreak havoc on Pax Americana in the Middle East. So, once again, US diplo-macy is rushing to rescue Is-

rael from the consequences of military action which US diplomacy at first encouraged. And, once again, Mr Assad looks like benefiting from something of which he was supposed to be a victim.

are they shooting at us? I want to take a Kalashnikov and go out to fight them'." he said. "That man was the He will not stop looking. He had 15 hospitals to check in Sidon, and others in the surrounding villages. Then there are hospifirst to get hit. He was blown

Child care report backs working mums

ties are unable to identify many of the bodies and pa-

tients in the hospitals, and

they are being distin-guished only by numbers. At Hammoud hospital, rel-

atives blocked the path of an

"I looked in every hospi

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

ABIES placed in child Beare do not feel a weaker connection to their mothers than those whose mums stay at home, according to a study published

Touching on one of the most sensitive questions in the battle for sexual equality, the government-backed survey rejects claims that placing babies in the care of those other than their parents is had for them.

It says that women who work outside the home do not risk their children's wellsecure as those with a mother | Deborah Lowe Vandell. always at home.

Half the American women to the heart of an enduringly lem. They exhibited difficulties than 10 best form of child care was in

Presenting their findings to a conference on infant studies in Rhode Island at the weekend, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development declared that there was no inherent link between maternal attachment and day

Even the type of care and the age the child enters it were irrelevant. The crucial factor was the degree of sensitivity displayed by a mother when she

was with her child. "If the quality of interac-tion with the mother is sensibeing, and that infants cared tive, then the child is likely to for by others have relation-ships with their mothers as with her," said researcher The institute's findings go

year now work outside the have argued that the children home. behavioural problems later. Feminists have dismissed such claims as attempts to prevent the advance of

vomen in the workplace. The study measured mater-nal attachment by watching the reaction of children placed in unfamiliar surroundings with an unfamiliar

adult, and seeing if the return of their mothers calmed them. Babies who were reassured were judged to have a healthy mother-child bond. Researchers also found that boys were more needy than girls. Boys who spent more than 30 hours a week in child

care were more likely to be

Girls showed no such prob-

insecurely attached.

mothers extensively may be-come almost too close and enone of the report's authors.

small groups with a high ratio of adults to children. hours a week in child care.
"Girls who are home with Child-care centres rated worst, and care by fathers, meshed," said Dr Jay Belsky, relatives or a nanny in the home came out best.



'He thinks he's immortal. He isn't thinking about succession any more than Charles de Gaulle or Winston Churchill did.' Rupert Murdoch

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Howard's way cuts prison TV

But hardly the way to curb riots

THE SUN will be ecstatic. The hardline, no-nonsense Michael Howard is withdrawing television sets from prison cells. Good old Howard. British criminals have had it too soft for too long. It is time the nanny state stopped such namby-pambying. What thugs sent to prison need is an old-fashioned dose of austerity and hard discipline. That would make sure they didn't repeat their crimes on release. But would it? Indeed, will withdrawing TVs improve prison security? Ask Sir John Learmont, the tough army general invited by Michael Howard to review security after escapes from Parkhurst and Whitemoor. His 250-page report last year included a long list of ways in which security could be tightened. One involved extending the use of TVs in cells, currently restricted to 20 prisons. The reason was simple: TV reduces tensions, leaves prisoners with less time to dwell on grievances, frees prison staff for more constructive tasks than patrolling landings. Michael Howard knows this but prefers to maintain a tough

image rather than pursue a realistic policy.

Even the Sun might be concerned by other cuts: a 2,800 reduction in officers, roof and cell strengthening at 14 prisons being dropped, a 40 per cent reduction in simple security schemes. The cuts are part of a 13 per cent reduction to prison running costs over the next three years and a 60 per cent cut in capital spending. All this against a background of record inmate numbers — up by 13,000 in two years — plus even bigger increases if Howard's new sentencing proposals are implemented. Home Office documents leaked to the Guardian advise the Home Secretary: "You will not want to be drawn into speculation about the size of education cuts." Indeed not. About 60 per cent of prisons are planning cuts. Officials concede that classes can be crucial to rehabilitation prospects and hope numeracy and literacy will be protected but note that "some classes may have few prisoners and are costly to run". The defence is already being prepared: reduction in education "should not be seen in isolation". It is "right that

everything should be reviewed".

Five years on from the Woolf Report, prison reform has turned full circle. Then prisons seemed on the brink of a breakthrough. The report into the 1990 riots produced in the words of the then Home Secretary, Kenneth Baker, "a blueprint for a humane and riot-free prison system - the greatest step forward in penal policy this century". Michael Howard's predecessors were committed to a better system. They built 21 new prisons with 11,000 new places and provided another 7,500 with extensions and improvements. Overcrowding was cut, slopping-out ended, and more inmates involved in Woolf's "active regime". Now the system is going into reverse with more overcrowding, more time to be spent in cells, less education - even the new prisoners' complaints system is under review. Now the only people being recruited are accountants: 80 for better financial control. Perhaps they should be reminded why Woolf was set up: 20 prisons suffering riots in a single year. Just one of them — Strangeways — cost £60 million to rebuild plus £20 million for the police cells providing alternative accommodation. Michael Howard is not as clever as the Sun thinks.

Papering the holes

Nuclear problems must be cured at root

HAVE WE stepped back from the nuclear precipice? The summit talks in Moscow barely grappled with the real issues in spite of Bill Clinton's complacent claim. The Ukraine has finally agreed to confirm the closure of Chernobyl by the year 2000 - though there may be more baggling over the price. But for all the talk of highest priorities and shared objectives, nothing was done to lessen the chance of a second Chernobyl elsewhere. Instead of a vigorous international programme backed by compensation, this was left to 'national efforts" and "peer review". Upgrading rather than closing is the easy path to agreement - and perhaps to another disaster. Discussion of nuclear and fissile materials security was even more perfunctory, out of deference to the election candidate whom the West pretends not to support. Boris Yeltsin's chances would indeed be prejudiced if opponents could accuse him of discussing Russia's "military secrets".

Russian critics have a point this is not solely a former Soviet Union problem. The US has its own concerns about the task of "maintaining high confidence in an ageing stockpile". As Pugwash's founder Professor Joseph Rotblat has urged, any serious international effort must tackle the root question: how to eliminate the nuclear weapons which create the fissile

A comprehensive test-bar treaty (CTBT) to which Russia formally assented in Moscow, is a step forward. Yet this has been left on the agenda for so long that if may now be frustrated by India and other nuclear-threshhold countries. Even if it can be achieved, it is not the passport to a non-nuclear world. The nuclear powers have been constrained to commit themselves in last year's renewal of the non-proliferation treaty to the long-term goal of complete elimination. But as a new report from the British American Security Information Council shows, they are busy devising new nuclear doctrines and weapons systems.

For the farmer or child who stumbles across one of the millions of land-mines sown by recent wars, the little bang is just as devastating as the big one. The Genera talks on the UN Inhumane Weapons Convention starting today must also decide whether to tinker with the problem or tackle the root cause. No one pretends that de-mining the world would be any easier than de-nuclearising it. Yet opposition is weakening as the tragic consequences of landmines have become more visible. Australia and Germany have now joined 27 other states in favour of a global ban. Senior US generals, past and present, are agonising over the issue. Britain is increasingly isolated in claiming that mines are legitimate weapons of war and may, as reported today, feels obliged to fall into step with its Nato allles.

A ban on landmines, if achieved, will be a rare victory. No doubt it has "helped" that 26,000 people are killed or injured by mines each year around the world - and, crucially, that a tiny number of them have been US soldiers in Bosnia. Chernobyl "helped" too (though not yet enough). But disaster-led disarmament is a Brahmins and White Anglomiserable way to proceed: do we have to wait for something far worse before we can ban the bomb?



Letters to the Editor

New law, new man, new town

As a sufferer of Friederich's Ataxia, a crippling disease to the nervous system, I have to the nervous system, I have experienced the positive medicinal effects of cannabis over 10 years (Why I'll fight for hemp, April 17). The tremors in my head, neck and eyes are considerably reduced. My speech, which under normal circumstances is hadly slurred becomes is badly slurred, becomes more fluent and recognisable. These positive symptoms are compounded by the general feeling of relaxation which the ance enhances.

The positive effects of can-nabis use by neurological patients have long been recognised, yet the Government refuses to act. Cannabis should be immediately made available to all adults suffering from neurological deseases; the choice to use or not to use should be the prerogative of the individual. Mark Dower. 402 Parkside House,

Maivern Road, Southsea PO5 2LD.

POS Coward (Make the father figure, April 12) failed to say that, in the article of mine she quoted. I argued that fathers are far from redundant, and what they are for is roughly the same pur-pose as any good-enough mother. We have 125,000 single-parent fathers in Bribecome house husbands: we have men who are changing their priorities. Some femi nists - and I'm not sure we're as scarce as Coward implies see these men as allies. Yvonne Roberts.

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MY friends and I were in-censed by your patronis-ing article (Strange goings on in West Sussex, April 12). Many of us came to Crawley with our well-known compa-nies, which moved here in the 1950s to a beautifully-designed industrial estate. We were pioneers but not savages, and almost at once founded art. choral, dance and dramatic societies, a museum society and countless other such ven-tures. It isn't true that our packed opera and ballet audiences consist mainly of out-siders; we, of all ages, fill our pleasant-looking theatre. New town architecture was drab and poor in spirit but the people of Crawley are not. Mary Bristow-Jones. 76 Forester Road, Southgate, Crawley. West Sussex RH10 6EF.

Why I love London so

a directly-elected mayor for London (Sites for sore eyes, April 18), it is worth pausing for a little reflection.

Firstly, the sort of strong government Norman Foster

vocates was something w suffered from at the hands of Margaret Thatcher for over a decade: far from refreshing democracy, it brought it into disrepute.
Secondly, there is evidence,

particularly from the US, that directly-elected mayors have not lived up to the standards required by their office. Not so long ago, people such as Rob-ert Moses in New York made their name campaigning for "good government" in the face of endemic corruption. He went on to be discredited for his dictatorial style.

Thirdly, the expression many hands make light work" has something to commend it. Experience with the last administration at the GLC made me aware of how a team of politicians, with a clear pro-gramme, backed by a popular mandate and a leader who understood the importance of delegation, will always deliver infinitely more than one per-son holding all the controls. As a Londoner having wait-

ed a decade for my voice to be expressed through the ballot

EFORE we rush into most attractive programme something as atien to for the capital. The idea that our political culture as the sort of person being for mayor will somehow be above politics is naive and dangerous nonsense George Nicholson.

Chair, GLC Planning Committee 1983-86. 6 Copperfield Street, ondon SE1 OEP.

HILE I applaud Norman Foster's call for a new vision for London, there is one possible answer to the prob-lems he outlines which he, and other distinguished speakers (including Tony Blair) failed to mention during the Architecture Founda tion's debate last week, namely devolution. The con-centration of wealth and op-portunity in London is one of the reasons why people "choose" to live in it — but at what cost to the rest of the country and, eventually, to London itself?

On current projections, an additional 1.6 million houses will be required in London and its environs over the next 10 to 20 years. Because we are rightly concerned at the levels of homelessness in the region. few have questioned the prac-ticality, or the wisdom, of de-velopment on this scale. Surely, the solution is not to

embark on "tail-chasing" by attempting to meet the departy that puts before me the | mand but, within a national | 41 Penn Road, London N7 9RE.

A Labour cut that will benefit no one economic strategy, to direct the demand to other parts of the UK, where it can more eas-

ABOUR'S plan to exclude 16- to 16-year-olds from child benefit (Labour looks to swap school for dole, April 20) will be catastrophic for many low-income families just above the benefit level. Child benefit is the only help we get for this age group doing A-levels or on vocational courses, where much of the equipment has to be funded by

he family. I know this as I had to sunport my son through an art course. This group do not get

any student grants.

Do many people realise that child benefit has, in reality, already been abolished for people receiving state benefit, as the amount is deducted in the living-allowance calculation? If you receive £15 for your child on state benefit the 10.40 child benefit is de fucted — leaving 24.60. J Flanaghan.

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tance coaches did not have to come into the centre of the city at all. Few coach passenchild benefit for our two sons we would no longer be able to feed and clothe them properly. Many teenagers already leave home because their parents cannot support them. It is terrible to think that our sons, when they are 16 and 18, might do the same. What It would ease congestion if coaches disgorged passengers at a suitable point in the north, south, east and west, at places with good underground rail connections, which could

would happen to their training and equality of opportunity then? Jo Howard.

ACOUPLE of weeks ago, it was suggested that those with incomes of \$40,000 a year would not pay more tax under a Labour government and could even get a cut. It is now suggested that those with in-comes of, say, a quarter of that could lose their entitlement to child benefit for children still in full-time education over 16.

of £10 per week for each child. Len Bishop. 6 Fielding Drive, Aylesford, Kent ME20 6TY.

In other words, a tax increase

Boy talk

SEAN French (Stience of the Slads, April 17) too readily allows ChildLine statistics to prove that boys (and, by impli-cation, men) cannot talk about their feelings. In five years as a Samaritan volunteer, I have never found that women had sion. Have we allowed feminists to define what "talking about feelings" means? Philip Ellis. 22 Sancroft Road,

Nurses' voice

YOUR article (RCN backed rapist nurse, April 20) said that our position is "ambiva-As a trade union, the RCN represents individual mem-

bers who need our advice and help, whatever their circumstances. As a union representing over 300,000 nurses, we are in a unique position to reflect their collective views. Nursing's regulatory body, the UKCC, decided — for the second time in a year — to restore a convicted rapist to its register. Many nurses are concerned that this could undermine the public's trust in nursing as a whole.
In 1996, the RCN represented My Choy. Ten years later, the UKCC reinstated

him to the register. That is the decision we are challenging. Christine Hancock. General Secretary.
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Sweet but sour

HE decision by European Commissioners to lift the long-standing restriction on the use of vegetable fats in chocolate (Sweet success for UK's oily chocs, April 18) is a bombshell for cocoa produc-ers throughout the Third World. It won't be long before multinationals try to influ-ence all national govern-ments, and vegetable fats will be allowed in chocolate-manufacturing in all states. When Kingsway North, that happens the already-low Gateshead NE11 ONE.

income of the small cocoa farmers, mostly in Africa, will fall still further.

lly be met and will assist in

Central to this process is the

devolution, firstly, of decision-making but, equally impor-tant, of investment in major national projects, transport, and the arts. We must change the thinking that all head of

fices - corporate, public and

third sector — have to be in London. The dominance of

London in all aspects of national life is neither wel-

national life is neither wel-come nor beneficial for the majority of the UK population. R Widdowson. The Hollies, Kington, Herefordshire HR5 3BX.

ORMAN Foster suggests a new terminal for coaches, possibly at Vauxhall

Cross, in order to ease conges-

tion in central London. It would be better if long-dis-

gers' destination is Victoria

and few would want to go only to Vauxhall Cross.

then take passengers onto the

network.

reviving local economies.

Philip Angler. Managing Director, Traidcraft.

consumers in Europe want this change. And there have been no guarantees from the multinational companies to pass on the cost-savings they make from using cheaper veg-etable fats. The net result will be that both consumers and cocoa farmers will lose out.

A Country Diary

filters through the open win-dow with the first light of dawn. In fact, I have become so intrigued by their sexual antics that, at the risk of being arrested as a peeping tom, I've set up tripod and telescope in our bedroom and focused it on next door. They seem totally uninhibited by this scrutiny, their limbs and bodies writhwill fall still further.

There is no evidence that consumers in Europe want this change. And there have been no guarantees from the water, the silky-white throat pumping promiscuously in and out as he sings to his a pool about a metre square. Nor need this reflect the total

NORWICH: As I lie in bed at | numbers present. There was night I can hear them at it, and even daybreak seems to bring no loss of appetite, since the soft purring that often accompanies their love-making 250. However, when it came to trying to salvage this doomed population, no less than 4,084 oads were recovered.

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Road developments are one of several threats to Britain's tant being urban spread. water pollution and habitat deterioration in the wider countryside. Since 1905, it is estimated that 75 per cent of Fortunately, these problems have been partly offset by in-creased interest in wildlife, gardening and the construction of ponds. So, if you too wish to enjoy the dawn song of and out as he sings to his lovers. I should admit at this stage that I'm not talking about our neighbour, but our neighbour's frogs, which are spawning in his pond. So far the highest head-count is 20, which is a good population for a pool about a metre square. Nor need this reflect the hotal

MARE COCKER

A lesson in class that it's time to forget

Endpiece Roy Hattersley

Clinton? It must be possible to locate his exact position on the social map. Some dis-tinguished sociologist has certainly constructed a for-mula by which we could balance humble origin against elite education, and make allowance for both the prole-tarian habit of playing the saxophone and the bourgeoise (indeed suburban) choice of a daughter's name. But whatever the answer to the question may be, it is far less interesting than the undoubted fact that, in the land of which

would bother to ask it. There may be a passing interest among the strange sion producer has ever been group of ancients who perversely call themsives both thetic film about one of his Saxon Protestants But be als endorsed the idea that living in his judgment. Charles youd the Philadelphia Main ing in Buckingham Palace Clore was "put in his place"

he is president, few people

line, below the heights of Bos-ton's Beacon Hill, and inland from the Long Island shore on which Jay Gatsby and Daisy Buchanan built their houses, they do not believe that a complex combination of attitudes and attributes determines a person's social status. Only in Britain could newspapers get excited when a senior politician happens to mention that he regarded himself as middle-class. Yet last week the subject filled our front pages. Part of the reason was that

the royal family — who, one way and another, had a busy week - got into the act. His Royal Highness the Prince Edward announced that the class system was dead and, since he was wrong his obiter dictum became the front-page lead in several tabloid newspapers. None of them was rude enough to inquire what other inexperienced televi-

was not all that different from by the Duke of Marlborough. Surviving in Peabody Build-Apparently Clore was invited who acted like an oaf. It is ings. After all, they are both to shoot at Blenheim and archive the perfectly reasonable to argue in London SW1.
The Evening Standard doc

tored a pictue of John Prescott in order to prove his new class status. Since they added a bottle of champagne to the family table, we must assume that they regard the middle-classes as defined by their conspicuous consumption. When I was in my teens — hoping to join, rather than abolish, the middle-classes —

I thought of them as industri-ous, thrifty, reticent and, above all, respectable. I admired the work ethic which distinguished them from the licentious aristocracy and the undeserving poor, and be-lieved that they spent their disposable income on books not alcohol. Perhaps I was WYOU'S.

But then we all have our different ways of defining class — as Alan Clark demonstrated in the Spectator's gossip column a couple of weeks relations. Instead, the editori- ago. He told the story of how,

rived "with a couple of brand new Purdeys" — a reference not to the character played by Joanna Lumley in The Avengers but to a make of gun Clark believes that gentlemen inherit their property. He once accused Michael Heseltine of buying his own furniture.

Clore — who was only learning to shoot — brought with him a person of unmis takably working-class origin, who was introduced as his "loader", but was really his coach. At lunch, he asked if his tutor could join in the pic-nic. "Teaching you how to eat, too, is he?" inquired his gracious host, and Clark who was never noted for the subtlety of his sense of humour - rejoiced that birth and breeding had once more triumphed over commerce and industry.

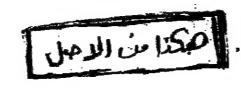
perfectly reasonable to argue that Clore deserved all he got for keeping such company. But I suspect that, because of the strange mores of this country, he felt that his vast lute certainty that John Prescott did not speak of his middle-class status in order to ingratriate himself with the

people for whom he once worked on cruise liners. He was making a simple eco-nomic point. He spoke only of divided by money. In my experience, people

who claim that money does single catestrophe - from professional humiliation not wanting to be either didate or didate or program was attributes — ing middle class attributes — made more tolerable to not made more tolerable to the more tolerable tolerable tolerable tolerable tolerable tolerable tolerable tolerable tol

is to escape many of the prob-lems of racial prejudice, and that the working women who suffer the worst discrimination are hourly-paid skivvies not highly-qualified execu-tives. That is why I want to spread money about. Social groups are determined by their relationship to the means of production. It is just my luck to begin spouting Marxism at the moment when nobody else believes a word that he wrote. Enough of the academic

analysis and on to the cheap political points. However we define the middle classes, we can be sure of their continued income. He knows that ability to look after themwhether or not Britain is diveded by class, the world is convinced the political parselves. Not only have they ties that they guard the path to power, they have per-suaded all sorts of experts not matter usually have a lot that they drive the engine of of it already. I can think of no growth and generate society's creative impulse. Worst still, they make us talk about them all the time. What class is John Prescott? With any luck, he will help to bring on the als endorsed the idea that living in his judgment. Charles I simply observe that there hank balance. I know for certain who be tain that to be black and rich who cares?"



Suzanne Goldenberg

OR outsiders, it remains one of the strangest rituals in a city where old habits die hard: watching the rats come out. Each afternoon clerks from government offices gather at Curzon Park, in the heart of Calcuita, to watch a multitude of rodents burrowing into

the ground. While their mothers smile on serenely, children reach across a low barrier to within inches of the rats, depositing vegetable peelings from the vendors sell-

ing snacks nearby.
"This is very beautiful, can't you see that," said one office worker, tossing a few peanuts over the railing, which thankfully the rats

appear to respect.

If you banish for a moment a visceral fear, the rats do exert a certain fascination, and just watching . their frantic activity for a bit can give a feeling of renewal. "This is nature right here in the middle of the city," the officer worker said. He shrugged off fears

of pestilence and disease Unlike New Delhi and Bombay, where success is equated with money, Calattans have a nostalgic definition of accomplishment: being well-read in Bengali as well as conversant with Western culture and knowing how to engage others in conversation. Even in the era of liberalisation, dis-play of wealth is frowned

pon. "I find my childhood memories very reassuring, but it was also very limit-ing," says Shohini Ghosh, a feminist film professor who left the city about 15 years ago. "Ambition has always thing, and success equated with corruption, which

need not always be true.'
While the rest of India zooms towards modernity. its cities expanding daily with peasants arriving in search of work, life in Calcutta proceeds at the same stately pace. No other city in India

takes its leisure so seri-ously. In the early morning, retired couples take a turn around the Victoria Memorial, while local teams play football on the Maidan, a huge green expanse in the middle of town. In the genlygunge, girls and boys play cricket in the roads.

The elite still gathers as it always has done at the Bengal Club for dinner, and at the Tollygunge Club, for moderate exercise. A new generation of students h covered the Hegel Club and the Coffee House, and radical conversation.

Some would explain Cal-cuttans' respect for the past, and an abiding faith in the grandeur beneath the city squalor, as an effort to cope with nearly a century of slow decline. No other city is as remi-

niscent of a vanished empire as Calcuita, and the legacy is a nostalgia that has its parailel in British films about the Raj. As the early capital of the

Raj, Calcutta was a vital port, and a bustling com-mercial centre. It was the first city to have contact with Western culture, an exchange that inspired writers, poets, social reformers, and film-makers, who remain enduring sources of pride to Calcuttans today. But after the imnerial capital moved to Delhi in 1911, the city went into an inexorable decline, convulsed periodically by bursts of revolutionary

activity.
In recent years, the destitute have been bundled off the pavements of central Calcutta and the old Howrah bridge, where they had become a bizarre tourist attraction. The legendary eight-hour electricity cuts have disappeared, thanks to well-timed investment in power plants, and Calcutta is the first Indian city to

have an underground. Within the last couple of years, the city has even gained a decent telephone system, relegating to the past yet another legend about Calcutta: telephone cables that drowned in the

monsoon rains.
But while the improvements have come years after the modernisation of some smaller cities, true to form, Calcuttans can even find virtue in being the last to catch up. "There are advantages to being last," said Swapan Chakraborty, managing director of the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation. "Now we are the most up to date."



Flogging a dead clothes horse

Commentary

Mark Lawson

IN THE discussion of a possible British Republic which has featured in the coverage of the Queen's 76th birthday, many writers have fantasised about a "sale of the crown jewels" following the fall of the House of Windsor. Conveniently, we now have a model for such a dispersal. From tomorrow at Sotheby's in New York, the American crown jewels are being sold: the 1,195 items—jewellery, furniture, paintings, books—from "the estate of Jacqueline Kemedy Onassis."

This sale has created some-This sale has created something of a sensation, with the 568-page catalogue becoming a best-seller. In its preface, Car-oline and John Kennedy explain that: "For our mother history came alive through objects and paintings, as well as books. Because the things she collected link her with his-tory, and because she cared about them, they represent more than just a record of life and travels."

which was Jackie's last set of wheels. Most families would drive the car of the deceased down to the nearest second hand dealer, but the Kenne hand dealer, but the Kenne-dy's apparently hope to capi-talise on the premium imposed by the driving seat's daily brush with history. Yet surely the only Kennedy car of real historic interest is the Oldsmobile that Teddy was driving one night in 1969. Although celebrity memora-billa is now a well-established industry, the excitement over Jackie's paraphernalia is per-haps the oldest development in the cenre it is easy enough

in the genre. It is easy enough to understand the attraction of bear, sometimes literally, their professional imprint Joe Di Maggio's jockstrap, Gra-ham Greene's typewriter,

Abraham Lincoln's quill.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, however, had no public profession — except for tragic symbolism — and so the appeal of her possessions is harder to see. Those wishing for a recepticable momento of for a recognisable momento of the Kennedy era have been further hindered by the chilpolitical or presidential mate-rial to their father's memorial

It is certainly an exhaustive auction. The legendary Kenned y self-mythologising is apparent in some items har children have offered for sale. Here, for example, is the 1992 BMW Sotheby's. These are little which have to the street of history Exhaustical legs and clubs—and the security tags worn by the First Family on presidential tours—are for sale at the street of the street o wisps of history. Equally, the buyer of lot 885 — "A stereo-scopic viewer and 21 slides of JFK as President" — may legitimately speculate whether she ever raised the viewer to

her wet widow's eyes.
It is, though, the offerings from Jackie's library — with their revealing emphasis on religion, diet and art history — fhat give off the strongest biographical or historical musk. Authors as diverse as Randolph Churchill, the Duke of Windsor, John Betjeman, of Windsor, John Betjeman,
Truman Capote and Norman
Mailer have inscribed their
books to her with chummy
messages. We can see from the
dates that David Ben-Gurion
sent her his vast book on Israel in December 1963,
presumably to take her mind

ssassination. The majority of the other lots, however, would offer a purely personal frisson to buy-ers: the knowledge that a "ruby and cabachon ring" was once on Jackie Kennedy's fin-gers or that the "gilt metal and simulated dismond neck-lace and pair of dress clips" occasionally adorned her neck and chest or that an "uphol-

off her husband's recent

women illustrate its historical

But the key to the appeal of this auction is that — perhaps miquely — it lies somewhere between a celebrity sell-off and the dispersal of a collec-tor's estate. I said that Jackle Kennedy lacked a profession but to fact her profession was but, in fact, her profession was possession. Her talent was

possession. Her talent was good taste and elegance.
Imagine, by contrast, the dispersal — some time deep into the next century — of the estates of the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York. The solemn catalogue describes the lots: "The Princess the prince of the p cescribes the lots: "The Princess's favourite Discman, with Take That CDs (slightly scratched)": "The Duchess's DIY colonic irrigation kit (slightly soiled)"; "Handwritten letters to solicitor, regarding settlement".

ACKIE'S auction, though, is a Cartier and Van Cleef sale, a Man-hattan art gallery's exhibition, an antiquarian book dealer's fair. America's uncrowned queen represented — for at least two generations of Americans — style. The central fantasy of many well-heeled American women was to go shopping with Jackie Kennedy. At Sotheby's this week, a version of this dream can now be realised. The sale recembles the constitution can now be reassed. The sale resembles the opening of a huge shop called Jackie's, a chance for others to imitate the discrimination of the

tinely described as America's royal family. In Stephen Sond-heim's musical, Marrily We

any other president, but another fat volume on old Joe Kennedy hits the bookshops this week. Yet — in producing merely a single head of state
— the Kennedys remain as

resolutely non-royal as any other political lineage. However, in the history of this American pseudo-monar-chy, we see usefully reflected the crisis of Britain's ruling family. For the saga of the Kennedys demonstrates the hunger of citizens for role-models of graceful living and their sentimental desire for historical continuity, which are the power of royalty. It also illustrates, however, the weakness of royalty: the brutal lottery of genetics, the hopelessness of expecting the child to replicate the parent or the hypother to succeed the

There is, however, one sig-nificant difference between the royal families of Britain and America. Over there, the son and heir made a very lucky match. (Although, in-triguingly, the new biography of Joe Kennedy suggests that Jack should have been allowed to marry his first love, inga Arvard, a match which would have written Jackie Kennedy out of history.) The frenzied building for the trinkets of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis in New York this week marks the final stage in the fall of the House of Kennedy, but offers a hint of the future for other ruling broads. The sons of the Prin-cess of Wales should be urging her not to throw out any run-ning shoes or old rugby

chintz slipcover" once bore her weight. Some of the jewellery comes with photographs providing documentary evidence that they were worn at such a treaty signing or gala; but only by wearing the framed photo on a ribbon around their neck could whose filterate its historical will be took about the father of any other president, but and the first of any other president.



Paul Foot

GRIP ON UNION was typical of the flood of headlines about the National child to replicate the parent or the brother to succeed the conference. We were told that a group of unrepresentative antedituvian militants had defied democracy by protecting the power of their conference to decide union policy.

The NUT executive wanted policies to be decided instead by ballots of the whole membership. Since there are many more union members than delegates to conference, it seemed obvious that the exec-

utive was being democratic and the conference undemocratic. Here's a question, though Why do all trade union consti-tutions designate their conferences as their sovereign policy-making bodies? Did the fact that there are more union members than conference delegates somehow escape them? Or were they guided by what they had learned when trying to get their unions of the ground: that they were sur-rounded on all sides by ene-mies of the union who had easy access to the media? One person one vote is a fine democratic arrangement, but if one person with one vote, owns five newspapers and a couple of radio and TV stations, his influence in society is of a rather different order to that of the one-vote worker he can sack. So the union founders made it a firm rule that decisions should be taken by trade unionists, meeting and debating as trade that extent from the propa-ganda of the employers. Their opinion was that the sharing of views and experiences of trade unionists in conference was far more likely to enliven and strengthen the union than a ballot of individual members, voting without union debate, and prey to constant anti-union propaganda. Has this changed over the years? Hardly at all. If any-thing, the policy and practise of trade unions today are even more circumscribed | employers' propaganda. The wholesale de-recognition of trade unions in newspapers and television in the last 10 years makes it less likely than ever that trade unions will get a fair hearing in the media. The NUT conference delegates were quite right. Union conferences need more powers, not less.

THINKING such thoughts, I go to a small meeting in Brent, where the Tory council is threatening to de-recognise Unison. Everyone at the meet-ing is surprised at the rather

insinid response of the union leaders to this shocking devel-opment. Unison recently broadcast an excellent adver-tisement in which a horde of previously-ignored little creatures overcome a bear by shouting together: "Get Out Of The Way". Such a shout, organised by Unison across London, would soon bring Brent council to heel, but Unison officials seem to be play-ing the whole scandal down. What about Labour MPs? Well, Tony Benn spoke to a large meeting and Jeremy Corbyn is there, as ever. As usual, these two make most of the running. I can't help remembering another recog-nition struggle in the same nition struggle in the same area nearly 20 years ago — at Grunwicks — where three rightwing Labour ministers. Denis Howell, Shirley Williams and Fred Mulley, stood on the picket line. Nowadays, the penalty for Shadow Cabinet members who do that kind of thing is death kind of thing is death.

IN Enniskillen, County Fer-managh, for the Radio 4's Any Questions, I engage in a long post-programme discussion with a fellow panellist, Profes-sor Edna Longley. We talk about the extraordinary cul-tural explosion in Northern Ireland over the last two or three decades. Everywhere in new plays, new poetry ses-sions, new concerts, all contrasting grotesquely with the banging and crashing of old sectarianism. A glorious story in the following morn-ing's Irish Times summed it all up. The poet James Simmons, whose grandfather was Derry, submitted to Larne council planning committee an application to classify as a charity an educational centre he runs at Islandmagee called The Poets House. Eight Unionist councillors voted this down after Councillor Bobby McKee, from the DUP, revealed that one of Michael Simmons's poems described a couple having sex in a train. Mr McKee said he found this "quite frankly, smur". Not to be outdone, his fellow coun-cillor, Mr Roy Beggs MP, an official Unionist, successfully moved that the committee write to the local education board to recommend that the poem should be banned in schools. Mr Beggs's deep de-votion to smut-free law and order was recently in evidence at Larne magistrates court where he was found mob to block a road and was fined £1,500.

MR BEGGS is also a beef farmer. Most Unionist beef farmers all over Northern Ireland are lobbying hard to have their cows classified as Irish so they can avoid the EU ban on British beef. It seems there is hardly any BSE in Ireland, North or South. Flying back over Larne, I had an uplifting vision of thousands of sturdy Unionist farmers all over the six Counties teach-



Justice for breakfast

tempts to appease its Europhobic rump is Britain's reputation as a nation which cherishes human rights and the rule of law. The Government's hostile propagands against the two European Courts (of Human Rights — in Strasbourg, and of Justice — in Luxembourg) is calculated to undermine their properties. authority. It is currently lobbying other European govern-ments to pressurise the European Court of Human Rights to soften its stance on alleged breaches of human rights.
Its refusal to make the Euro-

pean Convention embresable here, dendes British citizens the same legal protection as is enjoyed in the rest of Europe. Its attitude towards the Lax-embourg Court is muddled, unprincipled and self-defeating.
Ministers are embarrassed

remedies within our own legal system. The Government was particularly incensed by the "Death on the Rock" judgment, which prompted a hasty and intemperate attack on the Court by Michael Heseltine, coupled with a threat to remove the right of access to the Court in cases against the UK. A threat which, had it been enacted, would have isolated Britain. Instead, the Gov-erument has sought to influence the Court to give more latitude to governments by taking greater account of "regional and national perceptions", "decisions by national legislatures", "differing legal traditions", and to respect

the making of the Convention, described it as "a beacon to the peoples behind the Iron Cur-

peoples beamd the Iron Cur-tain." Yet the present British government would have the beacon burn less bright. The message which its ini-tiative sends forth to the fledg-ling democracies is that a "variable geometry" in human rights is permissible: music to the ears of those who yearn to exercise arbitrary power in any part of the world. That message is reinforced by the misguided decision to admit a wholly unprepared Russian Federation to the Council of Europe and European Conven-

The Strasbourg Court is al-ready choked by an immense backlog of cases. The system is in crisis and must be tackled "long-standing laws and practices except where these are manifestly contrary to the Convention." So much for the boldly as its memberahip is

tion system.

NE of the worst by the large number of cases in casualties of the which the European Court has judicial independence.

Government's at found the UK in breach of the conservatives involved in the conservatives in the conservatives involved in the conservatives in the conservative in the conservative involved in the conservative in the conservative involved in the c the Court in coping with the consequences of enlargement.

The Government's determi-nation to limit the powers of the European Court of Justice at the IGC is equally objection-able. It makes the baseless claim that the Court has been unduly activist, and that it has exceeded the original inten-tions of its creators. It alleges that the Court has imposed "disproportionate costs on gov-

ernments or business."
It also complains about four British cases upholding the right to equal pay and to equal treatment without sex discrimination. British judges and lawyers were not surprised by the outcome of these cases. The Government's real objection is to the equality principles themselves rather than to the Court's interpreta-

The Government is aware that without a strong European Court it would be impos-sible to ensure the even appli-cation of Community law, and to prevent its abuse by the Community institutions and by other states. Claims that Britain is seeking to curb the Court's powers are designed for short-term domestic, politidamaging to the Court's au-

When the Government needs the Court to come to the rescue of vital British interests — as in challenging the legality of the ban on the export of Brit-ish beef — it should not be surprised if European judges are sceptical about the depth of its commitment to the Euro pean rule of law.

Lord Lester QC is a Liberal Democrat peer



Gordon Brown argues that education should be a lifelong opportunity available to everyone

Strife begins at 16

skilled? And why is it that children from low income families with the same exam

social justice. They are also an that only a few can climb. a jungle of financial provision and they are more likely to be economic disaster in a world where education increasingly of opportulation of the unemployed long discretionary grants, many ployed school leaver loses it at

HY do 90 per cent of the the children of the professional classes stay on at school after 16—but only 20 per cent of the children of the unit of the u tional failure, unemployment and poverty. This requites a far bolder idea of equality of opportunity than in the past. It means lifelong opportuniresults as the children of the for all to learn and work, professionals are almost half as likely to stay on at school or go to college? or go to college?

These unequal opportunities are an affront to those of us who feel passionately about social justice. They are also an Making angles of the 11-plus escape route from powerty, or the curters who feel passionately about education—narrow ladders that only a few can climb.

cation — the objective of the public spending review of post-16 educational financing that David Blunkett, Chris Smith and I are now conduct-

nothing at all. Nothing better illustrates this educational lottery than the random system. of educational maintenance allowances paid to poorer families with children staying on after 16. Only 3 per cent of families receive them and pay-ments vary from £20 a week in some regions to 90 pence a

week in others.

How can we tackle the unfairness in the system of post16 financial support? One option is to upgrade child benefit after 16 into a national educational allowance for those who need it and to raise it substantially so that more teenagers

stay on at school.

My lecture reiterated my be-Smith and I are now conducting. We will examine loans, grants, fees, tax relief and child benefit paid after the school leaving age.

We must bring equity and coherence to what is currently a jungle of financial provision after 16. Some students get mandatory grants, others get discretionary grants, many ployed school leaver loses it at

16. The mother of a sixthformer at Eton or Harrow receives it from 16 until 19. Indeed, 25 per cent of 17-year-old pupils whose mothers receive child benefit are at

private, fee-paying schools. In effect, child benefit is a subsidy for the school fees of the wealthy rather than an incentive to assist the education of the very poor. Labour's review will look at the case for more help for those who need

Two egalitarian principles are at stake. Every teenager should have a qualification and a skill. And educational opportunity after 16 — lifelong learning — will become real. not least as we expand the numbers staying on at school or college. Economic efficiency and social justice demand it.

Chancellor of the Exchequer and



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Edwin Clarke

History

man of

medicine

HEN he was appointed director of the Wellcome Institute for

the history of medicine in 1973, Edwin Clarke, who has

died aged 76, was determined to see his subject established as an academic discipline rather than as the preserve of

amateurs. He trained as a

neurologist, but his outstand-

history of medicine.

ing contribution was to the

Born in Felling-on-Tyne, he

took a first degree from Dur-ham University's medical school, and studied as a post-graduate at Chicago Universi-

ty. From 1946 to 1948 he was a

ty. From 1946 to 1948 he was a neurological specialist with the Army. In the fifties, he held clinical posts at London's National Hospital for Nervous Diseases, the Postgraduate Medical School and

Then, in 1988, Clarke be-came an assistant secretary to

the Wellcome Trust. Soon after, he retired from clinical

practice and took appointments in the history of medi-

cine at Johns Hopkins and Yale universities. In 1963, he became historian to the Well-

come Historical medical library and museum, and in 1966 he was appointed head of

the new history of medicine sub-department within Uni-

versity College London. Seven years later, he became the Wellcome's director. He

stayed until 1979, supervising

the transfer of its collections

to the Science Museum and reorganising the Wellcome's Euston Road building. He also edited the Medical History journal and was instrumental

in establishing at UCL a history of medicine BSc — which opened the subject to medical

In 1971, Clarke edited an essay collection, Modern Methods In The History Of Medicine But his principal

legacy was a series of mono-

graphs, now standard works, on the history of the neuro-sciences: The Human Brain And Spinal Cord, in 1968, with CD O'Malley, An Illus-

trated History Of Brain Func-tion, with KE Dewhurst fol-lowed in 1972; and finally

Nineteenth-Century Origins Of

Neuroscientific Concepts, with

LS Jacyna, which appeared

in 1987. Clarke also translated

and edited Max Neuburger's classic The Historical Dec

ment Of Experimental Brain And Spinal Cord Physiology

Clarke married three times and had two sons and a daughter. He is survived by his third wife, Gaynor.

Edwin Clarke, historian and neu-

rologist, born June 18, 1919;

died April 11, 1996

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Before Flourens (1981).

Hammersmith Hospital.

Bernard Edwards

Chic sound of the times

died aged 43 in Tokyo, was not among them. His creative partnership with Nile Rodgers in the influential, and for a time massively successful, Chic created a ubiquitous soundtrack for the latter part

of the seventies.

Their respective achievements were hallmarked by of its clipped, driving groove musical excellence and a and "yowsah, yowsah, yowsah, yowsah, in Chic, sah" chant. They followed it they created a conscious embodiment of the upwardly-mobile aspirations of a new class; a grouping which had emerged in the wake of the civil rights upheavals of the than four million copies. It is

through a mutual friend. Rodgers had been working as a
guitarist at Harlem's Apollo
Theatre, which had been the

The band cozed class both backing group to the hit act,

ERTAIN figures in writing together, and Chic fell pop music court into place as a vehicle for premature extinction, but Bernard the line-up, they hired power-louse drummer Tony Thompson's muscular but unfolding. son, plus backing vocalists Norma Jean Wright and Luci Martin. Wright soon left to pursue a solo career, and was replaced by Alfa Anderson. Signed to Atlantic Records,

they released Dance Dance Dance in 1977, which became an instant smash on account with Everybody Dance in 1978, while Le Freak, released at the end of the same year, lodged in the American number one slot and became the biggestselling single in the history of Atlantic Records, selling more perhaps difficult to remembe Bernard Edwards was born in Greenville, North Carolina, but, despite becoming involved in several musical projects. his prospects looked achievement was to rise above minimal until he met native the pack by superficially appearing to be part of the disco

traditional training ground as musicians ... and as an and showcase of black musical talent since the thirties. The pair joined the Big Apple Band in 1972 and toured as majority of disco acts. Chic donned smarter clothes, even-tually graduating to classic-cut suits and à la mode casu-

wards's agile basslines and Rodgers's taut, precise guitar figures rapidly became fla-vour of the era, and the combo's songwriting rocketed Want Your Love and My Forhidden Lover introduced new tones and musical colours. while Good Times, powered by Edwards's imperious bassline, was a mesmerising dancefloor classic — which was later much-sampled by rappers and hip-hoppers and became a sign of the coming eighties free market boom. Clamour for the services of Edwards and Rodgers as producers be-came incessant, and they sprinkled some Chic fairy-dust over such period classics as Sheila B. Devotion's Spacer.

vations and commercial succeas, Rodgers and Edwards remained outraged about the racist nature of the American record industry. While a white rock hand like Queen white rock band like queen was able to score a massive hit with Another One Bites The Dust, which, they personally told Edwards and Rodgers, was inspired by Good Times, Rodgers and Edwards were allowed treated as block critics.

Diana Ross's *Diana* album and chart-topping single *Upside Down*, and Sister Sledge's *We*

Despite their musical inno-

Are Family.



wito belonged in soul or disco. rather than rock. As Chic's allure faded with the arrival of the eighties, Rodgers and Edwards set about proving they could compete in any genre. They produced Debbie Harry's 1981

went on to work with Madonna, Mick Jagger and David Bowie (on the latter's Let's Dance), while Edwards Duran offshooot, the Power Station, and was influential in the making of Robert Palmer's

In 1992, Rodgers and Ed-wards reassembled Chic to re-cord Chic-Ism, which captured much of the essence of the group's former glories, though inevitably suffered from arriv-

ing in a completely transformed musical climate. Ed-

of feeling unwell after completting a string of concerts. He has gone way too soon.

Sower of seeds, raiser of hopes

was described, passingly, as a "cowman". The ecological writer John Stewart Collis met him on a north Dorset farm in the early years of the war, and recorded the en-counter in his autobiography Bound Upon a Course.

Basil Hembry

Collis had been watching objector in 1939, and resolved an allegorical play, staged in to work on the land. A contact a barn, about agriculture. The production opened on a stage which revealed an English countryside littered with found himself in curious rusting cans, symbolising the country in which farmers cheap imported food that was sang unaccompanied motets. killing the British farmer. campaigned for co-operative and cardboard pill boxes to pig clubs, and tried — for indicate the unnecessary better or worse — to rally native gut from the conse-quences of relying on this ended with the outhreak of war, which speeded the back at work. The farmer and his workers may have acted, but it was Basil Hembry, the cowman, who had written the

play.

Not long after reading that book a few years ago. I noticed Hembry's name turning up on the Guardian let-ters page — under missives Having passed through as a from Maypole Farm, near Saffron Walden, Essex — defending the United Nations, whose peace-keeping endeavours were then attracting such hostility in connection with Bosnia. Having discovered were indeed the same man. I

A Guardian-reading farmer may be a rare thing but Hembry was rare in many other ways too. I didn't get to know him well, but he was endlessly helpful and extraordinarily open-minded for an elderly man of strong principles - a cheering reminder

HEN I first came When I met him he had just across Basil composed a strongly-worded Hembry, who has missive to Farming Today, across Basil composed a strongly-worded missive to Farming Today, challenging a columnist who had criticised a recent UN-

How had he come to be playwright cowman in Dorset? A keen member of the League of Nations Union before the war. Hembry had objector in 1939, and resolved referred him down to Rolf Gardiner's Springhead estate in north Dorset, where he ancient Wessex against mech anistic urban civilisation.

The farm on which Hembry staged his play was owned by Ralph Coward, an organically-minded farmer who was also connected with an exotic anti-democratic network which the defence of rural England was mixed up with a partiality for wholemeal bread, correct posture, com-post and — as I had concluded when researching a book -

was considerably more to the left, Hembry was happy to add to my picture and to correct some of my errors. He put me in touch with a surviving member of the English Array's King Alfred Muster — another Guardian-reading farmer.

Post-war, Hembry and his wife scraped out a living on a subsistence farm in Devon. United Nations Association. They moved to Saffron Wal-den, and for a while Hembry became a paid regional UNA officer. He was still burning



Basil Hembry . . . cowman and visionary PHOTO: FRANK MARTIN

this was of settling disputes. Hembry was not an organic farmer. All for less intensive of one of best strands in with the sense of the horror of methods and dismayed by the tion in which he had just about every kind of native thought that he had recently turned himself into some thing of a man of letters. People with no experience of cultural field on his farm and thing of a man of letters.

war what a disastrous way | explained that to a farmer. this really was a thing of beauty. He then turned round to show me a growing planta-tion in which he had just about every kind of native

Basil Hembry, tarmer and

phone calls suggesting, very gently, that somebody really might like to write about this issue or that person — includ-ing a suddenly-deceased sol-dier who had seen the light and done a huge amoung for UN-style peace-keeping. Some elderly members of

the UNA might have looked at their movement's member-ship figures and felt inclined to despair of the young. But Hembry, who was still pleased to be counting young embers into his branch, was untempted — a great raiser of hopes in north Essex and

1960s, apart from his farm in Devon, and bringing up, with his wife Mary, a young family, Basil Hembry was working tirelessly for the Devon Freedom From Hunger Campaign, and chairing his local United Nations Association. When he became the UNA regional officer in East Anglia he held the job for more than a decade and displayed a burning zeal for educating people — especially the young — about the organisation. During the cold war, he developed deep relationships with members of UNAs in the eastern bloc and provided a profound input to the work of the Geneva-based World Fed-eration of UNAs. He was a visionary who never lost his

When I became UNA direcwhich to became that the tor here in 1982, Basil and Mary gave me a warm wel-come. Their house was always open, and I spent many an evening there. A deeply spirievening there. A deeply spiri-tual man and a musician — he played the cello — Basil raised thousands of pounds through Unicef for children each year. He was one of the kindest and gentlest people I have ever met.

Larry Osborne

High flier

tic, the Royal Air Force stationed bombers in the West Indies They formed part of its counterattack against the U-boat offensive. Among the people who encountered the RAF aircrews was Larry 0sborne, a young Trinidadian. He had an interest in astronomy and he wanted to fly. In 1943, he joined the RAF. Osborne, who has died aged 73, was to become the first "coloured" group captain in the service. And for the rest of his life he retained a fierce pride in the RAF.

was a choirboy in the cathedral in Port of S United States - by the time he was 14 Larry was a pupil teacher, still taking lessons while teaching the younger children. Out of school, and with a grasp of Spanish, he joined the customs service, patrolling the sea borders with Venezuela, before the conflict in Europe swept over the islands.

Then came enlistment in the RAF. After initial training in Canada — where he learned to box — he was commissioned, and joined Coastal Command as a navigator. He flew Catalina flying-boats out of Iceland, and later Liberator long-range bombers based in Northern Ireland. On the latter assignent he escorted Arc tic convoys on the route to Murmansk. It was, he recalled. "18 noisy hours out and 18 noisy hours back".

Post-war, he became an air traffic controller — "bringing the boys down in had weather"— but after deterio-ration in his eyesight, Larry joined the RAF's equipment branch. He was involved in building the West German air-force and introduced the RAF's first computerised supply system. His team, to his amusement, became known as the Black and White Minstrel Show. He became deputy head



a fierce pride in the RAF

of procurement, and was awarded an OBE in 1969. Eight years later, he retired, but fulfilled many assign-ments for Crown Agents, helping to develop their Cosmos supply computer system. He was a fellow of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and

Lawrence Osborn and Colin Rogers

Larry Osborne . . . retained

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Larry Osborne's expertise was awesome, his communica tion skills outstanding and his sense of fun quite wonderful.
And he possessed a famous
giggle. His range of interests
took in learning German to
interpreter standard, learning
Welsh well enough to sing in a Holyhead choir, binary arithmetic, and the failings of English cricket and the brilliance of the West Indians: Larry, who attracted the affection and respect of all who knew him, is survived by his wife Theodore wife Theodora, whom he met before leaving Trinidad, three sons and six grandchildren.

Larry Osborne, navigator, air traffic controller and supply specialist, born December 27, 1922; died March 12, 1996

to the two phones will signal with a nod of his head to the

Birthdays Leo Abse, biographer, former Leo Aose, olographer, former MP, 79; Lewis Biggs, curator, Tate Gallery of the North, 45; Susan Binns, Chief of Cabinet, European Commission, 48; Alan Bond, tycoon and yachtsman, 58; Yvette Chauvire, hallerina assoluta, 79; George Cole, actor, comedian, 71; Dr Eric Fenby, composer, former Professor of Harmony, Royal Academy of Music, 90; Lloyd Honeyghan, boxer, 36; Sir Yehudi Menu-hin OM, violinist, 80; Jack Nicholson, actor, 59; Mar-garet Pereira, forensic scientist, 68; Jancis Robin-

90n, writer and broadcaster, 46; Meryl Streep, actress, 47.

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Karaoke

CONSULTANT: I couldn't guarantee that you would be able to finish. DANIEL: I see. Perhaps something a bit shorter, With a nice and easy plot. There's an old favourite, for example. about who it is you would kill and help out humanity if you had, say, only, say - (Looking closely at CONSULTANT) eight weeks and a bit, more or less, to go. CONSULTANT: Yes, I've

often wondered who I'd execute in such a circumstance. Apart from the Secretary of State for Health, of course

DANIEL: (Solemn agreement)

CONSULTANT: Yes. I would

DANIEL: (As though still de-Couple of months. Yes? (They look at each other. The pause lengthens. Then . . .)
CONSULTANT: I'm sorry. (DANIEL nods, digests, then starts to lough: not in any way hysterical or immoderate, but a genuine laugh, infectious enough tomake the CONSUL-TANT at first shift in his chair a little uneasily, but then begins to smile.) CONSULTANT: (Again) Why

are you laughing? (CLOSEUP - DANIEL) DANIEL: I don't honestly know, to tell you the truth. I mean, it's not funny. (Laughs) When all those dreadful pains began — I mean, at the same time as they started to burn me up — I was kind of, well, going a bit dippy, I thought that a story I had written had somehow got out into the world — like a contagious disease. My words, my script, wandering about out there right in front of me. But no. They aren't, thank God. There's been another story **go**- ing on all the time. This one. The one I didn't know about. (Half laughs) It's just that — well, the ending is sooner than I thought. (He falls silent, no onger with a smile.) Daniel Feeld confronts the end of his story in Dennis Potter's Karaoke (Karaoke and Cold Lazarus, Faber, £9.99), Feeld suffers a kind of resurrection in

Cold Lazarus, as a cryogenical-ly preserved head. The first epi-sode of Earaoke is next Sunday (on BBC1) or Monday (C4) **Audio dynamite** DR RAY HULL, professor of audiology at Wichita State

University, estimates that at least 16 million American between the ages of 18 and 34 share Peter's plight [damaged hearing]. Hull says, "Perma-nent hearing loss is the fast-est-growing disability in the

United States."
Sound is measured in decibels (dB). A soft whisper is approximately 20dB, a normal conversation registers at 60dB, and an alarm clock hits 80dB. Most concerts and clubs push the volume to an earwrenching 125dB - equiva-

lent to a jet taking off. But you don't have to go to clubs and concerts to incur hearing loss. Headphones are capable of of sending 115dB right into your ear canal. Dr Maurice H Miller, professor of audiology and speech language pathol-ogy at New York University. tested the sound level on pe-destrians' headsets and found that, "in all cases, they were exposing themselves to a noise level capable of producing permanent, irreversible hearing loss." A warning falling on deofened ears in Swing, Life in Your

in the round

"TM interested in the essential liveliness of theatre rather than its social mes-sage. A writer told me sage. A writer to me recently about having his scripts rejected with the message. 'Can we please up the issues here?'. I'd send it back if the issues swamped the drama, possibly with the me sage. Have you thought about pamhleteering as a career?". Theatre is about people and the effect that

issues have on people, not about the issues themsalves we're not going to join in a we're not going to join in a conspiracy to justify art by pretending it's something else, like treating music as some sort of remdial thereapy."

Alan Ayckbourn shares his radical view of theatre with readers of The Speciator as he prepares to open his new

prepares to open his new theatre in Scurborough's Odean cinema. The opening show is to be By Jewes, a rewrite of his 1975 musical collaboration with Andrew Lloyd Webber. Previews begin

Faith and frogs

CAN you eat frogs' legs on Good Friday? This question was recently put to the Vati-can and passed from office to office, reportedly, until the Congregation for the Doc-trine of the Faith came up with the answer, after con-

angel of abstinence, frogs are fish. It is something to do with not being hot-blooded crea-tures, of the sort which

arouse carnal desires. "The Church rations these foods," says St Thomas, "which stim ulate our sexual appetites. Such is the flesh of animals who browse on the earth." (ST2a2ae,147,8). Also in the non-meat categories are the locusts and vipers (yuk), crabs and oysters (yum). Fishy theology in The Tablet

Puise rates AT the appropriate time, which is often after midnight

the warden who stands next



Swing . . . loud warning

executioner who is behind the divide. At that time the executioner will then pick up three needles, one at a time, and inject the appropriate chemicals into the IV line. flush it out, inject a second chemical into the line, flush it out, inject the third chemical into the line, flush it out. By the time all that has hap-pened the inmate is dead. It can take about 10 or 12 min-utes from the flush of the pot-

PRISON SPOKESMAN: On March 3rd, 1996, Antonio James was executed by lethal injection at Lousiana State Penitentiary ... and his soul was sent to final judgment. He was pronounced dead at 12.27 am by Dr Royce McAnally ... OK. Do you have any

questions? REPORTER: Did he have any final words? SPOKESMAN: We talked, the last thing he said was, "Bless you." He said that to me.
"Bless you." I told him, "He's

ing thing in this one, and I'll comment about this, is the pulse rate. It never got over 100, hardly, right there to the end. We checked one of us it wasn't me, it was one of the other people — and his was about 102, and Antonio James was on about 94. We got a delay because we had probtens finding a vein and get-ting right with our IV injec-tions. We had one but we needed to have two, so we waited for the other, that took a bit of time . . . Heard on At Death's Door . . . (Radio 4). Antonio James had spent 15 years on the death tier, during which time there were 14 stays of execution. But, hell, that's not the fault of the proexecution lobby. They want to get on with the backlog of executions right away.

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waiting for you" and "Hold on for the ride". The interest-

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Dealing with the dirty end of jobs for life



Larry Elliott

HUH, I know what you're thinking. Did he fire six thousand, or was it only five? all the excitement I kind of lost count myself. But being as down a fraction, for women it ful weapon in the world, and it could blow your job clean away, you have to ask your self one question. Do I feel lucky? Well, do you, punk?

A similar conclusion was reached by Simon Burgess and Hedley Rees of Bristol University. Writing in the Economic Journal, they say

That, with all due apologies to the makers of Dirty Harry, is how we see the world of work. Clint Eastwood's amoral, cynical cop is the nasty, brutish amployer who keeps his cowed and insecure workforce at the point of a gun. A very big gun.

land and the feelgood factor, job insecurity forms the three-legged stool of British politics. The Government is umpopular because there is no feelgood factor in insecure middle England. End of story.

undent to this

feelbad factor among the individualism fostered over shoppers loading a hundred the past two decades. pounds' worth of groceries into the backs of the Volvos

on Saturday mornings.
This is the sort of thing Ministers like to hear. Be-cause what they see as a nice little recovery is having no impact in the opinion polls, they are now trying to prove that job insecurity is more myth than reality.

Data from the Departmen for Education and Employ-ment, for example, shows that in the decade between 1965 and 1995 there was very little change in the average length of job tenure. For men, it was was actually up a little.

that between 1975 and 1992 there was a fall of around 10 per cent in the length of time spent in a job, but added: "The data emphatically do not support the view that the

issty, brutish amployer who seeps his cowed and insecure vorkforce at the point of a nun. A very big gun.

Together with middle Engand and the feelgood factor, ob insecurity forms the hree-legged stool of British colitics. The Government is increased factor in insecure product the control of the manually think all this stuff about feelgood and insecurity is a classic tase of middle-class whingeing. Again, there has been every support the view that the dramatic changes in the dramat 'victim' continue has been can detect few signs of the spawned by the self-obsessive not necessarily among those

Let's face it: we didn't hear

too much about job insecurity when it was steel workers and miners being sacked in the early 1980s. But now that BBC producers are on sixmonth contracts and (male) middle managers are being shown the door, we are witnessing a real threat to the nation's wellbeing. lived with the hire and fire

culture since the industrial revolution. The gyrations of past two decades has been the

return to the fold before the election. But things aren't The most profound change in the labour market over the

insecurity"

issue because we are now talking about middle-class job

this should be quite good news. With house prices and

consumer spending rising, there should be a chance that

massive shift in power from

employee to employer. This has not only meant that work-ers have had their rights

eroded, but also that much of the risk involved in a busi-

ness has been shifted from capital to labour. As such, when business in a burger

bar is alack, the management lay off the staff unpaid: like-wise, the privatised company

running food trolleys on trains in the North now pay

staff on a commission-only

For the Government, all

Ministers would never admit it, but they think all this stuff about insecurity is a classic case of middle-class whingeing

the business cycle in the nineteenth century are testimony to how vulnerable workers were in an era that lacked even the most rudimentary welfare safety net.

Indeed, the hard evidence suggests blue-collar workers still face the biggest risk of losing their jobs. A survey last week by the Institute for Employment Research concluded that "unemployment remains disproportionately located among manual worker social classes".

John Philpott, director of the Employment Policy Insti-

basis — as little as £10 a day for a nine-hour shift. Ministers, presumebly, see this as the fruits of a more tute, agrees. "There probably is more 100 insecurity. Dut old days it was called some- ing. The Government, the you really sure he won't?

people who talk about it the thing else: rank exploitation, whole time. It's become a sexy | And while it may be true that And while it may be true that the prime targets for this brand of macho management are the low-paid and the low-skilled, the message has percolated down to the middle classes. Twenty years ago, the archetypal job for life was that of a bank clerk: a bit

dull, not well paid, but a job for life New technology has changed all that, and it really comes as little comfort to an ex-clerk to hear Michael Portillo say that every techno-logical revolution for the past 200 years has been accompanied by a temporary period of labour market dislocation.

Indeed, the job insecurity of the past was not cured merely by the passage of time; it was tackled by the formation of trade unions and the willingness of the state to suppres some of the crude inequities of the market by running big-chunks of the economy itself. What has happened over the past 17 years is that

product has fallen while capi-tal's has risen. The instru-ments for this have been the crushing of trade unions, de liberately engineered unemployment, privatisation, con-tracting out and the inculcation of the business "ethic" into schools, hospitals and universities.

The current vogue for tackling job insecurity is centred anceron and mail

Labour Party and the Confederation of British Industry all agree this is vital — good enough reason, you might think, to be highly suspicious of the notion that it could the panacea for all our ills.

If we really want to tackle job insecurity, there has to be a shift of the pendulum back towards labour. First, power should be given back to trade unions and legislation enacted to improve the rights of workers, be they temporary, part-time or full-time.

Second, the Government should see itself as the "em-ployer of last resort", in the way that the Bank of England was the "lender of last resort" to the City.

Finally, we need a culture change. For the first 30 years after the war, governments of all colours actually believed in full employment. They didn't offer capitalism with counselling, but were pre-pared to use public invest-ment to boost demand. Again, this is now the wildest heresy, even though the Govern ment's influence is greatest in those sectors that are job-rich - education, hospitals, personal social services.

But this means hard choices. It may even mean paying a bit more tax to rebuild the social fabric that makes us feel more secure. But the alternative may be that the boss who watched you read this article in work's

If the pensioners of today think it's tough . . .

The IMF is using a novel accounting system to scare us about the coming retirement bill. SARAH RYLE reports

people struggling to cope on a state pension, but the OAPs of future generations re unlikely to have it so good as those presently retired.

tary Fund reported in its bilook last week, many industrial countries will face an impustationable bill for their ensioners. Combined with the bur-

geoning budget deficits which the IMF also highlighted in the WEO, the pensions of the future could add up to a mas-

sive tax bill for the current 20 and 30-somethings.

The IMF economists stress the severity of the problem of "invisible" deficit in the form of pensions by expressing it in terms of generational accounting — a way of show-ing how today's fiscal policies can affect future generations even if they do not affect cur-rent budget deficits. What may seem to be a reform with neutral deficit implications can in fact make a big difference to iomorrow's taxpayers. Generational accounting

each batch of earners will this period will provide only a pay, le the amount of tax and small budgetary offset to the contributions paid minus transfers, which include pen-sions, they receive. The present value of expected receipts for each age group is sub-tracted from the current value of expected lifetime tax payments of all kinds. It uses present-value numbers and takes into account that future terest) for outstanding government purchases.

SING this method, the IMF has found that several Group of Seven nations are running unsus-tainable fiscal policies. The so-called newborn and future generations in the United States, for example, will face net tax rates of 37 and 78 percent of their earnings respectively.

In hard cash terms, the WEO says today's young workers in the US, Italy, Norway and Sweden will have to pay between \$200,000 IMF sees it is to citie rendi-(£138,000) and \$300,000 more ture. This might be politically in taxes over their lifetimes

T IS small comfort for those | levels are maintained. But the current crop of pensioners are actually receiving \$100,000 or more in benefits than they paid in taxes According to the IMF, there is a link between the degree of

unfairness in a nation's fiscal overall fiscal problems.

Conditions affecting bud gets themselves have change markedly. The post-war haby boom boosted the labour force, supporting relatively few pensioners. But in industrial countries, elderly dependency ratios are expected to double to between 35 and 50

per cent. Germany, Italy and Japan are forecast to experience the worst squeeze on

pension programmes are much more generous than governments seem likely to be able to support financially. Future generations of workers will face either much higher tax burdens to main tain such levels of transfers or sharply reduced benefit levels, Modest reductions in

effects of ageing."
The special IMF study is part of a wider agenda, which is to urge increasingly vigor-ous budget balancing by goveruments. To this end, the report says that even if gener flawed by the nature of its as-sumptions, it will raise enough disquiet to fuel

"It could serve an educa tional purpose by stimulating debate among younger and older voters about the proper level of transfer program gen-erosity,"the IMF said, adding that this might lead to "major overhaul of pension systems' or, even better, a more cau-tious overall fiscal approach. For, bearing in mind the tax burden for the future based on existing policies, raising taxes to fund rising pensions' liabilities will not be

The only answer, as the ture. This might be politically painful in the short term but benefits, if existing benefit | damaging in the long run.

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Death of inflation is greatly exaggerated

ANN ROBINSON disagrees with a new book which proclaims the defeat of the age-old stalker of western economies

garded by so many for so long as "public enemy No
1" that it is hard to believe that it may be dead. But that is just what Roger Bootle, chief economist of the HSBC Crown enemes in a new Group, suggests in a new book, The Death of Inflation (Nicholas Brealey, £16.99). Mr Bootle argues that struc-

tural changes in the economies of the western deve world are so profound that not only might inflation be dead but there is a possibility of disimilation with as many

Inflation has, to a greater or lesser extent, stalked western economies since the end of the second world war. Some, such as Germany and the US have found methods of taming the phenomenon but others, perticularly the UK

and Italy, have not, until recently, learned the trick. The UK economy in particular has been prome to peri-ods of inflation. We have never experienced hyperinfla-tion but the bouts have been nasty enough to cause consid-erable damage to our long-term performance. For the past four years or so, UK in-flation has been subdued. Is it really dead, as. Mr Bootle claims or "instructions"?

claims, or "just resting"? The answer, surely, mus be found in whether the causes of the phenomenon have been permanently root-ed out. Relevant too is whether the authorities (central bank and government) have learned to take appropriate action when the disease hits. in my view, inflation is just resting — in remission — but

liable to flare up at any time. The structural changes to western economies deemed necessary by Mr Bootle: more flexible labour markets; the decline of unions and collective bargaining the demise of the sleepy, "cosy" inwardlooking mega-corporation and privatisation, are certainly underway. But they have not advanced very far among the UK's major trading partners. particularly Germany and

banks have changed their procedures, too. Methods of accommodating inflation through indexation of public spending, wages and prices, so popular in the 1970s, are now discredited and largely abandoned. Central banks an becoming more independent. But the evidence to support

sumptions is partial. Monetary policy alone is not sufficient to control inflation. The behaviour of gov ernment itself is also crucial take root. Even in the UR

Mr Bootle's underlying as



Roger Bootle . . . pessimistic

where structural changes have advanced most, government still takes up or directly influences around half of GDP. Through regulation, the arm of government extends still further. Privatised utili-ties remain heavily regulated. Competition is by no means assured.
The most alarming — and

perhaps the most interesting part of Mr Bootle's thesis — is the scenario of disinflation. The evidence is mixed here too. Disinflation can be henign. In the past, prices have fallen for long periods coincident with strong growth. But the past is no guide to the future. stantly falling prices al round — on expectations and behaviour of older people? All developed countries are supporting a growing army of rentiers — pensioners living on fixed interest securities purchased when their savings in pension funds and insurance policies mature. Disinflation will mean

lower interest rates. Nice for

the young buying houses and household goods on credit, but not so nice for the elderly. Disinflation may have as many dangers as inflation but it is hard to be sure what types of expectations it would gener ate. And expectations are a crucial variable, inflation-fu-elled house price booms, for example. What would disinflation do? Just look at today's

nousing market.
Prices have been falling. But the market is not homogeneous. In fact, prices are strong and even rising for quality housing in short sup-ply in key areas. It is the oversupplied lower end of the maret where prices remain weak They will remain so until demand and supply meet. As every economist knows this is he equilibrium point Mr Bootle is possibly too pessionistic about the likeli-

hood of major disimilation and too optimistic about the death of inflation. If the com-petitive markets that he sees emerging take root, inflation might be kept at bay. For it to be conquered, the authorities (central banks and govern their behaviour. They must do nothing to accommodate inflationary pressures (such as commodity price rises) when they arise. They must not devalue the currency. The emergence of compet tive markets may herald the

end of perpetual inflation so that we can run the economy at higher levels of deman than previously thought feasi-ble. But so long as the econopartners in Europe, with whom we are becoming more closely linked, fail to make the necessary structural changes to competitive markets, inflation is only resting. Ann Robinson is director gen-eral of the National Associa-tion of Pension Funds and one And what would be the ef- of the Guardian's panel of ecofect of real disinflation — con- nomic advisers.

Highgate crosspatch solves baffling case of capital crisis

Dan Atkinson

APITALI was some-thing Sherlock Holmes and his quack friend were always saying, or rather, ejaculating. Now, of course, it is a benign substance, a sort of economic penicillin; capi-tal, or "investment" as it is known to its friends, is simply capital.
All of which may well ex-

plain a churning noise in London's Highgate area:

Karl Marx is revolving in his grave. His contention. you may remember, was that capital brought noth-ing whatever to the party; labour was the sole "source of value". Now, as a great conga-line of worthies conga-line of worthies stretching from Hanol to the highest reaches of European trade unionism sings the praises of "inward investment" and "value-added", the time has come to ask the unthinkable question: six years after the fall of the Wall, is the bearded old crosspatch about to be proved right?

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Look at it this way: the 1989 "triumph of capital-ism" promised a serene, up-ward glide to prosperity for everyone. The only grouse the lefties could come up with was some guff about the environment, and that,

worm's eye market incentives. But it hasn't quite worked out that way. In place of the glider, the western economies resemble collectively one of those faulty supersonic jets in Thunderbirds that were forever being plucked from doom by In-ternational Rescue. Nega-tive equity, job insecurity, unemployment and the feel-ghastly factor torment Western politicians con-vinced that the pre-election pick-up is imminent.

Everyone is baffled, But, according to an intriguing book — Economics of the Madhouse, by Chris Har-man (Bookmarks; 1995) — Karl would not have been. Far from it, because capital makes no contribution to the productive process.

As Harman has it, "what they have done is steal the product of the labour of others — and then forbid it

All very amusing, no doubt, but no more than that. Because if there is one thing of which we can be certain, it is that Mary has been proved to have been completely wrong. Hasn't be?

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Cricket

Lloyd firm on Botham

Paul Weaver at Chelmstoni

AYMOND Illingworth and David Lloyd such caricatures of the York shire store and the Lancashire come that it is as if the future of English cricket has been entrusted to Les Dawson and George Formby, deserve a little sympathy at times

Yesterday they took their places on the pavilion bal-cony alongside the two new selectors, Graham Gooch and David Graveney, and there was such a lot of chin-rubbing and ear-scratching going on that it was perfectly clear they were incapable of picking a card even had Paul Danlels spread a pack and asked them to do so.

This was not entirely their fault. They were looking for batsmen, among other things for with Alex Stewart and Robin Smith out of form and favour there are at least two openings in the top six. This match, however, has not been a vintage one for batsmen.

So far Martyn Moyon, who is also a far-fetched alternative as captain, has made a pair. Nick Knight a duck, Jason Gallian eight and 12. John Crawley four and 16 and Mark Ramprakash 18 and 17 In fact until Graham ball half-century.
Thorpe — an automatic Test THE REST First innings 123 (selection anyway — struck an unbeaten 70 in the evening's long shadows the highest score in this match had come from Tim Munton. Honest Tim, exemplar of line and length and all things Gus Fra-ser-like, Munton made 54, the highest score of his career, with the fours and a six, it shouldn't happen to a

This enabled England A. who are being led with some panache by Nasser Hussain. to reach 317, a lead of 194; at the close the Rest were 128 for four, still 66 behind.

The most encouraging GP Thorpe not out .. cricket for the selectors has come from the opening bowlers Glen Chappie and Ed Giddins, whose name sug-gests he should be a Los Angles private eye and not wasting his time messing around

in cricket flannels. The other plus has been the all-rounder Ronne Irani, who has per-formed with both bat and ball Gooch is known to admire his combative qualities.

Lloyd, the chirpy England coach, is hardly one to show his disappointment and was clearly impressed by Chapple. his previous Lancashire charge. He has decent pace. a lovely action and takes the ball away from the right-hander. He has had some injury problems but he has thrived from a relaxing win-ter and has now worked hard

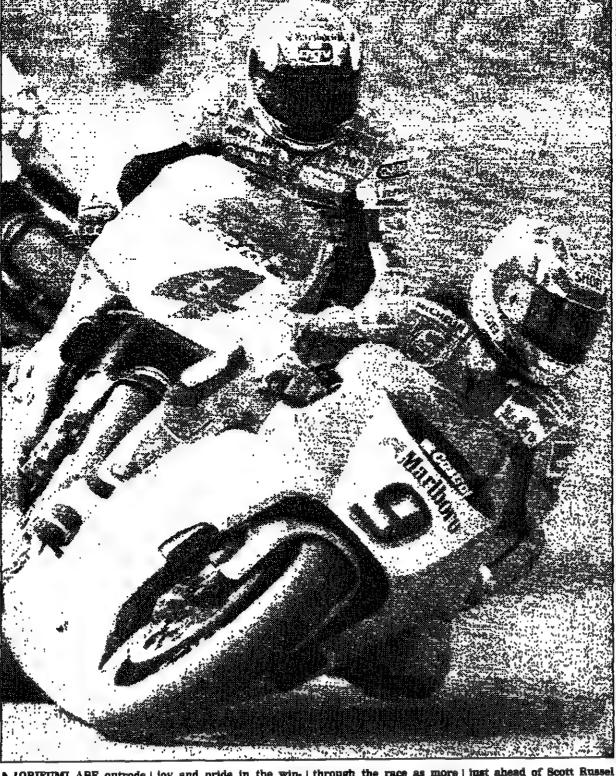
to get fit." In the matter of Ian Both-am's involvement with England affairs, however, it is clearly Les Dawson 1, George Formby 0, Illingworth having blocked Lloyd's desire to involve The Legend on the coaching side this season.

Botham still had a part to play in the future, said Lloyd. I want everyone to know there is total unity and we are moving forward together. Mand, at one stage I thought someone would need a good cuts man '

· Andrew Flintoff, the England Under-19 all-rounder, steered Lancashire to a five-wicket victory over Yorkshire in a 40-overs friendly at Old Trafford yesterday with a 64-

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ORIFUMI ABE outrode the wind at Suzuka yesterday to become the first of dium after his unexpected Japanese winner of a 500cc

grand prix for 14 years. The Yamaha rider (pic-Prix. Starting sixth on the grid, tured above leading the second-placed Alex Criville tiently through the field to through a bend) wept with take the lead midway

through the race as more fancied riders struggled for

control on a windy day. Alexandre Barros crashe win in the Japanese Grand coming out of the first bend, which may also have inhibited the field. Criville (Honda) finished seven seconds behind Abe.

just ahead of Scott Russel (Suzuki). The world cham pion Michael Doohan (Honda) finished sixth but still leads the champion-ship standings, six points clear of Abe and Barros.

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Nottingham with form guide

Racing

Guineas doubt after Duster fails to shine

Chris Hawkins

WEEK of dramatic de-velopments on the Clas-sic front culminated yesterday with news that Blue Duster is doubtful for the 1,000 Guiness after falling ride Storm Trooper for Henry to impress in her work.

Anthony Stroud, racing manager to Blue Duster's owner Sheikh Mohammed, and trainer David Loder were delaying a final decision until they consulted Sheikh Moned last night.

But Blue Duster was taken out of the Guineas betting yesterday. "We are acting on reports that she has not worked well," said Ian Wassell, spokesman for Ladbrokes, who shortened Bosra Sham to 9-4 on from 7-4 on.

Blue Duster, unbeaten as a two-year-old over sprint distances, was second favourite throughout the winter for the 1,000 but has been slow to come to hand.

Sheikh Mohammed may Sheikh Mohammed may well have regrets that he did not take Blue Duster out to Dubai for the winter — a deci-sion perhaps influenced by the fact that this was the aspiring Loder's first chance of a Classic winner

A final decision about the French filly A Votre Sante, now 7-1 for the 1,000 Guineas, will be taken by Criquette Head tomorrow. Her stable companion Occupandiste finished last of four behind 10 lengths winner Shake The Yoke, who now goes for the French 1,000 Guineas, in the Prix de la Grotte at Long-

champ yesterday.

Jockey Gerald Mosse won the other Group races at Longchamp, taking the Prix Greffulhe on Ragmar — a French Derby prospect — and the Prix de Fontainebleau on

Andre Fabre had a disappointing afternoon, with the highly regarded Miss Tabiti and Loup Solitaire both well

in the 2,000 Guineas Alhearth and Beauchamp King still share favouritism at 21

victory in the Trupleprint Greenham Stakes at Newbury

on Saturday. Pat Eddery partnered Danehill Dancer to a length and half success over Kahir Almaydan (stable companion of Beauchamp King) but will Cecil in the Guineas.

Mick Kinane is expected to take the mount on Danehill Dancer, who has improvement in him, although Neville Callaghan, his trainer, does not want the ground too firm

t Newmarket.
Dancer appeared to frank the form of last year's Dewhurst Stakes when he was two and a half lengths second to Alhaarth and it does appear that the latter and his Craven conqueror Reauchamp King still have the right to head the market

Mark Of Esteem is an 8-1 chance but little will be learned about this Dubai based colt between now and the Guineas. He was said to have worked merely satisfactorily when Frankie Dettori went over to ride him in lus trial gallop 10 days ago, but there is an impression that the work was deliberately

The interesting horse for the 2,000 is Royal Applause, who can still be backed at 10-1 despite achieving the Coven-try-Gimcrack-Middle Park Stakes treble last season.

In the Middle Park he slammed Kahir Almaydan nearly six lengths and on that form has excellent claims, but the worry about this Barry Hills-trained colt is stamina. He was not asked to race beyond six furiongs as a juve-nile and is a half-brother by the miler Waajib to the brilliantly speedy Lyric Fantasy. Henry Cecil had no success

at Newbury on Saturday where Bright Water and Phantom Quest, two of his Classic possibles, were well beaten. It looks as if Storm Trooper will be his only runner in the 2,000 and this powerful galloper is rated a 14-1 chance. This may seem a big with Ladbrokes, but Danehill short side for this colt who Dancer has been cut to 8-1— could yet emerge as the Coral go 10's — following his stable's main Derby hope.

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Jungle flop

PARROT Jungle, trained by John Dunlop and ridden by Pat Eddery, could only finish seventh behind locally trained Beauty To Petriolo when favourite for yesterday's Italian 1,000 Guineas at the Capanelle, Rome. Peter Chapple-Hyam's Inner Circle



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Showman O'Sullivan in Crucible clanger

THE world snooker championship got off to an unsteady start at the weekend in Sheffield with the hot favourite almost falling at the first and one of the game's most colourful characters, Ronnle O'Sullivan, being accused of publicly taking the mickey out of an opponent, writes Clive Everton.

"I'm cueing well but my safety was amateurish," said the defending champion Stephen Hendry after scraping a 10-8 win over Jason Ferguson, who had taken a total of two frames off the world No. 1 in their three previous matches.

Yesterday O'Sullivan had breaks of 102 and 126 in beating Alain Robidoux 10-3 but the Canadian No. 1 refused to offer the customary post-match handshake because his flamboyant English opponent, cruising at 3-2 up, tried to clear the colours left-handed. He potted yellow and green but injested the brown.

The irate Robidoux played on icity when he would normally have conceded. To make the situation worse, O'Sullivan elected not to go for easy pots and the incident stretched out into eight minutes of prime-time televised embarrassment for snooker. minutes of prime-time televised embarrassment for snooker.

Robidoux saw it as being "disrespectful to a professional player"
but the showman O'Sullivan, who has made one-handed shots
this season in competition, said: "I dunno, the crowd enjoyed it."

Sampras goes into clay mode

PETE SAMPRAS tightened his grip on the world No. 1 ranking by beating his fellow American Richey Reneberg 6-4, 7-5 in the Japan Open final yesterday. Sampras then said he would take the next three weeks off to prepare for tennis's clay-court season and the French Open. "The problem I have on clay is my patience," he said. "It's a whole new frame of mind when I walk on clay."

Clay means the world to Thomas Muster, on the other hand, and the man challenging Sampras for his world ranking recorded his 29th consecutive victory on the surface yesterday. The super-fit Austrian took the Barcelona Open title by wearing down mother left-hander, Chile's Marcelo Rios, by 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Richard blunts Lance in Liège

THE Swiss cyclist Pascal Richard recorded his second World Cup victory yesterday, taking the Liège-Bastogne-Liège nurrowly from the pre-race favourite Lance Armstrong in the final 20 metres of a three-man sprint into the Belgian city.

The American Motorola team leader was in charge for most of the 165-mile race, among the toughest of one-day events with 10 of its 12 climbs in the final 60 miles. Armstrong had made the decisive break with 20 miles to go and and boldly launched the final surint 550 metres out; only to figure per the line.

final sprint 250 metres out, only to flag near the line.
"I had a superb sprint," said the MG team member Richard. "I don't want to boast, but today the best rider won." The Belgian Johan Museeuw was out III but retained his World Cup load with

87 points, 29 clear of the Italian Gabriele Colombo.

Bowls in 'intimidation' spat

THE supposedly sedate world of bowls ran into further logo trouble yesterday when a Cambridgeshire team in the All England Under 25 Indoor Championships successfully complained they were "intimidated" when their semi-final opponents turned they were "infiminated" when their semi-linal opponents turned up with "1993 and 1994 Champions" emblazoned on their shirts.

The St Neots team manager Mark Atkinson protested — perhaps encouraged by Tony Allcock being ordered last week at the same Melton Mowbray indoor rink to cover up a commercial logo he was sporting on his backside — and the men from Carlisle's Cumbria chub agreed to cover up their offending message (which was also maccurate, as they took the title last year too). They promptly beat St Neots 49-42 and edged out East Dorset 41-40 in the final to retain their title the final to retain their title.

Woods warms to GB on ice

"WE PROVED we can play with these teams if we stay out of the penalty box," was the apt summing up by the Great Britain ice hockey head coach Peter Woods after his team had completed their World Championship Pool B schedule here with an impressive 4-2 victory over Belarus, writes Tohy Allen in Eindhoven.

Britain lacked discipline at first in losing to Latvia and Switzerland but improved steadily to win four games and tie to finish

fourth. They might even have won the bronze medal had two apparently good goals not been disallowed against Japan.

With little at stake against Belarus on Saturday, the 16-year-old Cardiff nemninder Stevie Lyle, who departs in September to sharpen his skills in the Quebec Major Junior League, was given his senior international debut and, despite conceding a goal in the second minute through no fault of his own, showed a confidence and maturity beyond his years.

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Overall Woods was heartened at the strong showing by younger British players such as Lyle, Ashley Tait, Simon Hunt, Paul Dixon and David Longstaff. "Some of our senior players are showing their age," said Woods. "It is now time to bring some new players into the programme."

Claymores slay Dragons

THE Scottish Claymores draw their biggest crowd of 12,928 to Murrayfield yesterday and celebrated with their first home victory in six attempts, punishing the Barcelona Dragons' every error to win 23–13, writes Michael Carlson.

Their quarterback Steve Matthews, erratic in the overtime win in London last week, completed 17 of 25 passes for 211 yards including a TD pass to Sean La Chappelle. Gavin Hastings hi mastered kick off and conversions but Andy McCallum kicked three field goals in as many attempts to indicate that the Claymores' long-kicking job is not automatically Hastings's.

Britons set sail for Savannah

THE French Semaine Olympique is giving the British sailing team for Savannah, where the Atlanta regatta will be held, a welcome late chance to hone racing skills, *torites Bob Fisher in Hyères*. Shirley Robertson has made her mark in the Europe class with scores of 1, 6, 2, 3, 1 in her first five races. She has one more three-race day to end the qualifying for the "gold" fleet. Britain's best Olympic medal prospects, John Merricks and Ian

Walker in the 470, are still evaluating sails, and the briskish breezes here are not what they would have chosen as the winds at Savannah promise to be light. Their results so far here in qualifying are therefore even better than they appear, with a 2, 5, 4, 6, 7 taking them to second overall.

Hoyer gears up for Olympics

POUL ERIK HOYER won the European badminton title for a third successive time at Herning, Denmark, writes Richard Jago. Hoyer must be in line for an Olympic medal on the evidence of his 15-7, 15-11 victory over his 21-year-old Danish compatriot Peter Rasmussen. He cleverly initiated rallies at the net and used them to lift and flick his opponent to the back and inhibit the dangerous smash of Rasmussen, who looks very much like a man of the near future.



Audi good for many rounds in saloons

Vorsprung durch 50 million marks . . . Frank Biela (above) won the third round for Audi whereas James Thompson (below) crashed at Paddock bend to add to Vauxhall's problems

MAGINE a world of motor racing in which the competing drivers take off their helmets after a hard-fought race and light a fag, anzip their overalls. cuddle their children, and then take the trouble to praise one another's efforts. Welcome to the British Touring Car Championship. Frank Biels and Joschim

Winkelhock were the winners of yesterday's third and fourth rounds of the championship, sharing the spoils in two separate 38-lap races held over the switchback 1.2-mile Indy circuit at Brands Hatch. That is the way the series is organised: two rounds at each of 13 meetings, so that the two finishes for their money.

Since Biela also won both races at the season's first meeting, at Donington Park a formight ago, the 31-year-old German and his four-wheel-drive Audi A4 lead the standand a third. Those standings are reflected in the manufac-turers' championship, in which Audi (53 points) lead Rensuit (48), Volvo (38) and

BMW (37). For Winkelhook, third place in the day's first race and victory in the second represented a long-awaited return to form for BMW's M2. | motor manufacturers. It was, in fact, the team's first

British win since August

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people paid £15 a head to

of such items as suspension,

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outfit to revamp their BTCC words of Bernie Ecclestone, effort, with assistance from president of the Formula One Gordon Murray, designer of Nelson Piquet's world cham-pionship Brabhams and more recently of McLaren's Le

Mans-winning GT car. Win-kelhock now stands fourth in the championship, and the 38-year-old German driver will be hopeful of regaining the

pared to get up before dawn and drive to a traffic jam in some barely accessible corner of rural England. They do this because the racing is both close, thanks to carefully framed technical regulations, and professional, thanks to the serious involvement of some of the world's major

1994. After a disastrous 1995 watch the third and fourth transmission, brakes and the company commissioned rounds of the BTCC. Their enthe experienced Schnitzer thusiasm confirms the recent and under the bonnet, the

president of the Formula One Constructors' Association, who recently suggested that touring cars might soon become a threat to the long-unchallenged supremacy of grand prix racing. Not that the BTCC is a cut-

price formula. Each of the top manufacturers invests at ings, with 54 points to the 35 it is he won in 1993.

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tation. As with all the contes tants, the basic two-litre sa loon has been gutted and refitted as a racing car, with minimal exterior changes not much more than a front

cars are nothing like showroom models. Painted silver, with careful

attention to such details as a fitted heat-reflecting cover to keep the cockpit cool on the grid, the pretty A4s evoks the pre-war heyday of the Mercedes and Auto-Union teams, maintaining a tradition of thorough preparation. In fact Audi was one of the quarter of thorough preparation. In fact perior traction on the difficult Audi was one of the quartet of fall-away camber of Brands Firms making up the original Auto-Union conglomerate (the others, all long extinct.) in the case of Andi, whitch has some into the series this season with the clear intention of the others, all long extinct, perhaps three or four times that figure.

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Elsewhere other names have been enlisted in the battle for prestige. Frank Wil-

Car.Championship lose some of its charm

Richard Williams at Brands Hatch sees

the British Touring

Photographs:

Tom Jenkins

owner of the Arrows team, is behind Volvo's remarkable feat of image transformation.

A wonderful start enabled Biela, who won last season's world championship, to get the drop on the front-row men, Menu and Winkelhock, in the first race. The Audi's four-wheel drive giving it su-

hand racing.

Behind them Rydell ran a lonely race in fourth position, ahead of good scrap between Paul Radisich (Ford Mondeo), Robert Ravaglia (BMW) and the British champion John Cleisnd (Vanzhall Vectra). John Bintcliffe, Biela's

Tom Walkinshaw, the new grid for the second race. A far away.

good start enabled him to hold off the BMW until the third lsp, when Winkelhock went inside him at Druids, followed by Menu. Ten laps later Rydell also went past, as eventually did Biela, giving the race its final order. Apart from Bintcliffe's de

scent the chief interest of the race was the effort of Will Hoy, third on the grid, to recover from a disastrous start. Last of the 21 starters at the end of the first lap, he steadily picked up places and finished ninth.

The relatively uneventful nature of these two races awoke suspicions that the modified aerodynamics allowed by this season's regu-lations might have brought the cars too close to their For-mula One relatives, making it harder to overtake. The experienced and articulate Menu denied this suggestion. "On a circuit like this, when the cars are so evenly matched, the only way you can get past

protest against Biela's Audi, claiming that its suspension contravened the regulations.

This is a highly technical matter and will take some time to settle. It could also be very had negre for a series that has so far prided itself on liams runs the Renault effort, young British team-mate, freedom from paranola. But with several former FI engineers among the crew, and hock on the front row of the in millions, paranola is never

Russell finds the security Heckler targets Norman

Michael Britten in Cannes

AYMOND RUSSELL turned rich promise into rapid fulfilment when he birdied the last two holes to win the Cannes Open yesterday by two strokes. Thus did the 23-year-old from Prestonpans, near Edinburgh, master a spirited chal-lenge from England's David Carter and score his first vicon the PGA European Tour.

He had a closing 71 at Royal
Mougins for a 12-under-par
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level. Russell, four up at one point, turned one up and held on to that lead despite missing runner-up two ahead of Gordon Brand Jnr and the Spaniard Ignacio Garrido.

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Russell is the fourth new in the spaniard Ignacio Garrido. tory in only his ninth outing

in the Walker Cup in 1993, it took him three attempts to qualify at the Tour School, where he finally succeeded last November in 19th place. He began his Riviera campaign with the limited objective of gaining a top-10 place to gain entry to this week's Spanish Masters in Valencia. He ended it richer by more than £56,000 and with his

champion in the first 11 to the 18th into the greenside weeks of the season. Although pond and Carter, aided by a he established his credentials of fortunate rebound from a tree, drew level. However, Russell played the superior tee-shot to the short 17th, holing from six feet for a crucial fifth birdle, and played the last perfectly whereas Carter visited two bunkers.

Brand, who had threatened to intervene in the battle of the young guns with a third-round 63, swept home in 31 for a 68, and the 24-year-old

David Handerson at Hilton Head

ICK FALDO and Greg Norman were each given armed security in the final round of the MCI Classic here in South Caro-lina yesterday after another outbreek of hooliganism. Norman was the recipient of southern inhospitality for his round.
the second successive year Last mo during Saturday's third round when he confronted a

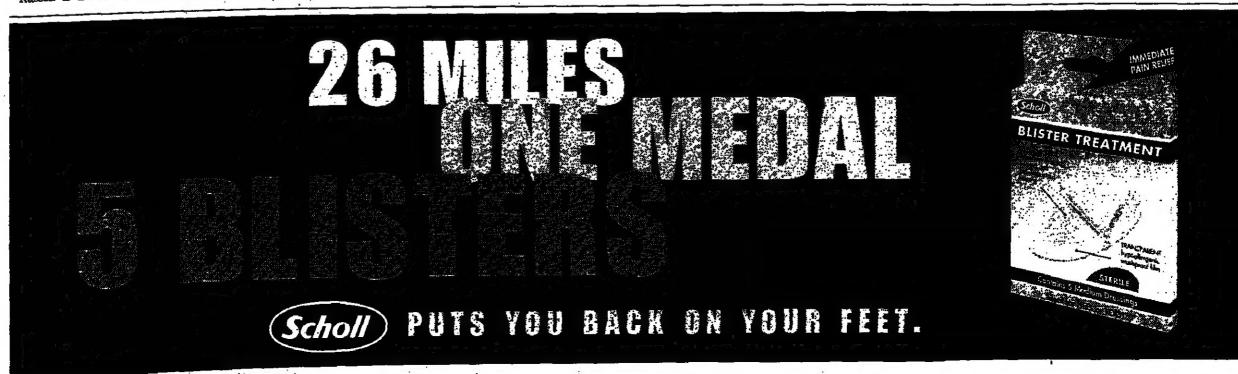
Why did you choke? You It was a reference to Norman was apprehended by the man be removed from the Australian's caddie | the course. Tony Navarro before being arrested on charges of being drunk and disorderly.

Norman was accosted during the 1986 US Open at Shinnecock Hills by an un-ruly fan and on that occasion he offered to meet the offender behind the grand-stand on the completion of Last month, during the Honda Classic, Faldo inter-

vened on behalf of Curtis Strange, whom he beat in the crucial singles at the Ryder Cup match in Roch-ester last September. A

Here Mike Stevens, the tournament director, said: Whatever was said, the fans came to Greg's defence immediately. Unfortunately at these tournaments, alco-hol is consumed and some get unruly. We took away three or four other guys as

Norman and Faldo still attracted the largest galleries despite being out of the hunt for a first prize worth \$252,000 (£168,000). The Australian was 12 behind and Faldo 11 strokes adrift of the pacesetter Loren man's surrender of a six-shot lead to Faldo in the Masters, and a 33-year-old choker." Faldo insisted that



SOCCER: THE RETURN OF THE ROKER ROAR



Michael Walker in the North-east checks on the Wearside team manager's weekend and wonders what lies round the corner for the club and nearby Darlington, both of them seemingly still strapped for cash

Sunderland party falls a little flat

Reid has now done it with Sunderland in 1996. In their first full seasons of manage-ment in the North-east all three have taken their clubs to automatic promotion.

on Saturday, hearing the news as he watched Darlington; and pearance he had, in true It was a while before they Danny Blanchslower style, al- had another, however, and as ready done his celebrating.

herefore viewed more as a Roker party than a serious match. The sun had got its hat on, the still-terraced Fulwell | then what chance for the pro-End was decked out in flags and looked like the Anfield Kop of old, and numerous amcorders recorded it all. But this lacklustre draw

Neil Robinson

MILE HESKEY was

fazed and flattered by suggestions that he bore

more than a passing resem-blance to Faustino Asprilla.

"Really?" he chuckled. "No

one's ever said that before. I

At 18 his head is too young

to be turned by his talent, which is as ample as his 60 lin

14-stone frame. Anyone seek-

ing confirmation of his promise should venture down to Yeovil tomorrow where he

plays for England Under-18

against Scotland. He is worth

the train fare. Heskey is the latest exciting

youngster to emerge at a club who have unearthed a long line of genuine stars, most of whom have been sold at a

healthy profit.
Will it be different this time?

Leicester supporters have al-

ready been alarmed by Martin

O'Neill's comments that "The lad's got a great future, I'd love

to be his agent", although the

manager has since stressed

that he is keen to change the

keep" culture. Like Asprilla, Heskey can

transform his naturally

blur of movement, and

tricks he boasts exceptional

the club - possibly the div-

ision. In one glorious moment on Saturday he pushed the

ball 30 yards past his marker

Steve Jenkins and comfort-

ball despite a five-yard disad-

vantage. The spectacle had a

notoriously sceptical crowd

when I was young." he said.

BRIGHTON anticipate fur-ther angry protests for what could be the last league

match at their Goldstone

Ground on Saturday. Extra-

police will be drafted in for

the visit of York, in the wake

of demonstrations after Satur-

"I was always quick from

Brighton expect more trouble

day's 1-0 win against Carlisle. There was one arrest.

purring its approval.

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He is the fastest player in

don't know about that.'

Leicester City 2, Huddersfield Town 1

Heskey looks a

Whatever doubts there might have been about their appetite dissolved after an early volley of abuse from Paul Bracewell to Dariusz Kubicki. The assistant-manag-

eady done his celebrating.
Yesterday's game was herefore viewed more as a more conspicuous. If Sunderland cannot fill Roker Park for a game of this significance posed 40,000 all-seat stadium at Monkwearmouth next unconvinced about the pres-ent team's pedigree, and with

"My body has spread out from doing weights, running and working hard." When he

is not training he spends his

time studying for a leisure and tourism qualification in

case, improbably, he does not make the grade as a profes-

On the field his future lies

is not his strength. Height is, er's anger was a bit harsh, es pecially as Sunderland

started brightly and Richard Ord shot over narrowly in the first meaningful attack. match, when Graham Potter thumped a volley against the bar from 20 yards.

Michael Bridges then had a fine chance to give the day an



EVIN REEGAN did max and means Sunderland it with Newcastle in now require a point at home to West Brom on Saturday to did it with Middles- clinch the championship.

Lee Howey up front yesterday turned Larus Sigurdsson the teenager struck the outside of the post. And that reinforced the impression that Reid's Darlington's mer England player, mobility

> and he had a chance late in the the first half but his A figure of £10 million was header caused little anxiety. Twice Mike Sheron, seek-ing his eighth consecutive ntioned then, but yester day Murray would say only that Reid "will be given more money than any other man-ger in the history of this club". Not completely reas-suring for a club with a re-cord outlay of 2900,000, and goal, should have given Stoke a lead, although the worst miss of the day belonged to the midfielder Mark Devlin. Running into the Sunderland area five minutes after the in-terval he met Simon Sturof the previous managers to ridge's pass first time but bring Sunderland into the top side-footed wide. It was an ele-mentary mistake and fol-

Darlington's the impression that Reid's most immediate task is to get his hands on the money the director Bob Murray pledged rare thunder

DITY the poor man who finds himself appointed manager of Darlington. The ioh is notoriously insecure - the incumbent. Jim Platt, is their eighth in five years — and on Saturday, when a rare moment of glory came along, it was overshadowed by the feats of another manager sitting in the crowd.

That man was Peter Reid, heartily popping cham-pagne corks for the cameras as news of Derby's draw, and hence Sunder-land's promotion, came scended on Reid in the directors' box, leaving Platt

Which was a shame as Platt's men had just whipped the side three

whipped the side three places above them and consolidated their own play-off position, doing so in front of 4,325 people; their biggest crowd of the season for their biggest win of the season.

Platt is a magnanimous man and did not begrudge Reid his moment. Reid, of similar disposition, praised Darlington's fluent perfor-mance. He could hardly do otherwise, as from the start they had torn at Bury with

speed and style.
Two down in 17 minutes. to a blast from Matt Carmichael and a more elegant finish from Robbie Blake, Bury resorted to breathtak-ing cynicism. In these days when a ball kicked into touch so that an injured player can be treated is al-ways returned. Bury de-

pushed forward and a lone throw planned until their angry manager Stan Ter-nent leapt from the dug-out and ordered the ball to be thrown back.

It was, as were Ternent's chances of seeing his side clinch automatic promotion. Bury's 1,300 fams saw Mark Carter miss a penalty and departed after the second of Robbie Painter's brace. Painter was signed from y for a modest sum a couple of seasons ago, a figure that is beyond Platt now. But there is consolation: in hav-ing nothing to spend he

with Reid. With asSCORERS: Darlington G. 771.
(13min), Blake (17), Fainer (57, 77).
Darlington Howell; Brunwell (Shaw, 81),
Barnard Carnichael, Crosby, Gregan.
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First Division Derby 1, B'ham C 1

Derby build their hopes

O NOT adjust your set, as they used to say in the early days of television. The picture is still hazy but it should clear next Sunday when Crystal Palace visit the Baseball Ground in a game that is likely to settle the second automatic promo-

tion slot.
Lionel Pickering, for one, will be praying that his blackand-white side can maintain their horizontal hold on second place. "I wouldn't want to go through this again," the 64-year-old chairman said after this painfully dull draw on Saturday. "It's going to get worse. With the likes of Man City, QPR and Bolton coming down and Bolton coming down and Swindon and Blackpool coming up it's going to be a right

rat-race next season."

After Derby had been beaten in the play-off final of 1994 by Leicester City and then struggled to make an im-pression last season, Pickering seemed to have accepted that they had missed their chance. He decided to recoup £9 million of the money be had invested in the club since selling his Derbyshire newspaper business for £25 million players followed by the man-ager Roy McFarland as Derby ettled for ninth place.

When his team eased up the table last autumn, however, Pickering realised he had to winning promotion and reverted to being a guy who just can't say no. The new manager began with a cutprice team but Jim Smith's spending has gradually crept up to £6.5 million, making the chairman's current exposure, taking into account the settlerough guesstimate around £12 million

The bottom line, therefor continues to be that Derby County cannot afford anothe season in the First Division — and there is more. They are ground at a cost of £20 million and desperately need the revenue that a place in the Pre-

miership would bring.
That stadium is be us going into the Premier League," Pickering said. "If we miss out then we are going to have to trim." To try to convince the club of his hard-

other halt to spending.
Against Birmingham the home side were stodgy and unimaginative, though they of their leading scorer Sturthe back, Stimac swept up immaculately on the floor but when Birmingham brought on the 6ft 7in Francis for a concussed Peschisolido in the 20th minute the Croatian's limitations in the air were exposed — food for thought for England on Wednesday.

Francis's near-post flick set up Breen for the headed equaliser in the 74th minute. Derby had gone shead when Simpson, partnering the disappointing £1 million striker Ward in attack, had forced a toe-poke past Griemink 19 minutes earlier.

minutes earlier.

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Reid must be aware that none

flight survived the next sea son. Not even Bob Stokoe. Suppleriand: Chembertain; Kubicki, Scoti. Bracewell: Ball, Melville, Gray, Ord, Russell (Bridges, Strini; Hall, 89), Howey, Agnew (Arston, 72). Bloke Citys Prudhoe; Clarkson, Sandkord. Sigundsson, Whittle, Potler (Dreyer, 84), Citys (Marchan), Conference (Breyer, 84),

priceless asset Patrick Glenn

Copenhagen

on Wednesday. After last week's with-drawal of Duncan Ferguson, injury claimed the Celtic midfielder Paul McStay and the defenders Colin Calderwood of Spurs and Alan McLaren of

at centre-forward, where he plays for England, although Leicester have recently played him on the left to ac commodate Steve Claridge On Saturday Heskey provided the £1.2 million striker with Leicester's second goal after showing dazzling control to squeeze in a cross. Earlier he "We have cover for the two games," he said. set up Walsh's strike with a centre which looked pin-poin He also answered criti-

but which he felt was "a bit lucky really". There was also a 20-yard shot on to the post and a scorching run through the middle which almost led to a third goal. Leicester's attitude to Heskey will say much about their ambition. Lineker, Smith

all sold rather than built around. O'Neill knows that his task is to do things differ-ently, although his own future at the club remains uncertain.
A play-off berth would help his cause no end. Victories a Birmingham and Watford

would see them edge above the cut-off line, assuming lpswich did not win their final three games. As so often with Leicester's seasons, every-thing should hinge on the final Saturday. At least they are used to the pressure.

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About 600 fans, angry at the

sale of the Goldstone and at a

proposed move to Ports-

mouth, invaded the pitch.

Later, seats were ripped out

and three stewards were in-

jured trying to prevent the boardroom being stormed.

Millwall 0, Oldham Athletic 1 Scotland lose three more for

SCOTLAND have lost another three players from the squad to face Denmark

Rangers yesterday. With Motherwell's Rob

McKinnon pulling out of the pool for the B internalonal in Falster tomorrov night, Craig Brown is left with 36 of the original 41 players he selected for the two groups. He has not called in replacements;

cism of his decision to tackle the European cham-pions on their own ground in the last match before he announces the Euro '96 squad on May 2. "We have to be tested. England seem to have taken on comfortable games at Wembley so type of match would help us. But criticism is not new

to me. "We've won seven of our last eight matches and I'm being factual, not boastful. when I say that's the best run ever by a Scotland team. I know that will change, but it's my job to try to postpone that change for as long as possible." Paul Gascoigne's volca-nic temperament has taken

him to within one caution of being suspended from next month's Tennents Scottish Cup final. The Rangers midfielder picked up his 13th booking in the Premier Division this season during a 3-1 victory at Motherwell that virtually assured the Ibrox side of their eighth successive

championship. Apparently dormant in a match in which his skill made yet another impressive contribution, Gascoigne erupted when Mike McCurry awarded a freekick against him for a foul on Lambert. The referee appeared to have no intention of taking further action until the vehemence of Gascoigne's dissent left him reaching for the card.

Heated Nicholl reads the riot act

MMY NICHOLL has two games in which to pull Millwall out of their tailspin towards relegation. That may be the easy part. The manager has also prom-ised to correct his players' indiscipline "once and for all" After this largely self-in-flicted defeat by Oldham, Nicholl confronted his players for a heated hour — "I got personal with a few of them' as squarely as Millwall must now confront the prospect of demotion after their startling decline from First Division leadership to 19th place in four months.

The root cause, said Ni-choll is another set of damning statistics: Millwall started on Saturday with an entire back four and a forward sus- given the opportunity."

Alex Rae sent off, their fourth | Carthy two months ago and dismissal in six games and eventh of the season. These statistics could, of

course, be used to damn the manager as well. But Nicholi distanced himself from the problem. "I keep talking about the disciplinary thing, the mentality of players today. they can't touch each other without somebody reacting."
Rae, captain on Saturday.

was dismissed with Oldham's full-back Makin after an exchange of blows. But Rae was not the only target of Ni-choil's anger. The manager questioned the attitude of several players. "Some of the players here have never achieved anything in their lives. It won't be like this in the next couple of years —

surely will still be in charge next season, whatever Millwall's status. The 40-year-old Ulsterman admits to walking into a "much bigger job" than even he expected. "We're talking about turning around the mentality of the players." The on-field disciplinary prob-lems are rife, Nicholl insisted, "running from bottom to top and I've told the chairman

Relegated or not. Nicholl will start overhauling players and attitudes. "We'll sort out the wheat from the chaff and get in four or five new play-ers." The Russians, Yuran and Kulkov, will be among the departures. "It's sad," said Nicholl, "but it hasn't worked out, for us or them." Oldham's resilience compounded Nicholl's frustra-

about it".

challenge on Richardson from a rare counter-attack was punished by the midfielder's penalty. The rest was a fam-iliar tale of missed Millwall chances, Malkin and Weir being the prime culprits. Graeme Sharp's pleasure was as evident as Nicholl's

pain. Oldham's manager, radiating renewed hope of safety, delivered a stinging reminder at the interval. "I told them that the second half would go a long way to deciding the outcome of the season. They had to realise they were playing for their careers."

SCOPER: Oklaime Athlettes Richardson (pon 57min).

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Portsmouth 0, Barnsley 0

Second Division: Blackpool 1, Swindon Town 1

Allardyce goes over the top

lan Ross

DAY memorable only for the confirmation of Swindon's return to the sliding from the memor actions of one man elevated it from the mundane to the extraordinary.
The Blackpool manager

Sam Allardyce should have been smugly content with his team's having garnered a point they hardly deserved But as Swindon's Steve Mc Mahon delivered his "over the moon" speech to media invited into one of Bloomfield Road's corridors by an official Football League representa-tive, Allardyce — quite liter-ally — waded in. As the red mist descended he physically barged aside journalists who apparently had convened in

the wrong spot. "That was embarrassing and outrageous," said McMa-hon, some 30 seconds after he had been taunted with cries of aesthetically pleasing but at "Scouse git" by a Blackpool employee. Presumably Allardyce had just been informed of Oxford



McMahon . . . over the moor

City, a result which may ulti-mately deny Blackpool the promotion they had assumed was theirs. Still, if there is a venue where tacky behaviour is in no way out of place it is Blackpool's current home. In a dreadfully poor gam

Swindon held sway for what must have seemed an eternity to those home supporters clutching tangerine halloons. Like Blackpool the visitors hit and hoped too often to be least their forwards seemed to have mastered the elusive art of intelligent participation. Blackpool's football lacked United's victory at Bristol depth and mystery to such an

passed before they even shaped to threaten. By then Swindon had scrambled their way into the lead, Kevin Horlock's low drive finding the corner of the net.
Thereafter Blackpool

chipped away patiently at the immovable object before them Even so it would have taken a Golden Mile fortuneteller in inspired form to foresee their equalising goal after 65 minutes. Even after his vicious, curi-

ing drive had found its target, Andy Barlow struggled to push a celebratory fist through the disbelief which had enveloped him. The goal was slightly more than Blackless than Swindon had

"After being relegated last season it was vitally important that we came straight back up," said McMahon. DRICK Up. Schul PRE-DELLIUSE.
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Blackpool: Nixon; Bryan, Linighan,
Lydiate, Sariow, Bonner, Metion, Philipod
(Edla, 68), Oulan, Wajson (6rown, 66).

Swindon Town: Digby, Rabinson Culverhouse, Taylor, Bodin, Allen, (Saagraves, 66), Preace, Lelich (O'Sullivan, 23), Thorne (Cowe, 90).

Don Beet

Watson got the chance to show why he is one of the most highly regarded young players in the game. The

It was only the second time the home side had gone close — Hall's turn and shot sailed just wide midway through the first half — and with Barns-ley failing to produce a single shot in reply, a thoroughly de-

Yet at the end of it all Portsmouth's manager Terry Fen-wick was pleased with his side, and Barnsley's Danny Wilson said: "It was a good performance to come here at this time of the season and get a point.

What an odd breed managers can be Surely Wilson knew beforehand that the four previous visitors to Fratton Park had won; surely Fenwick could not really be satisfled with one point?

Given Portsmouth's circumstances it is not surpris-

Fenwick finds value in dross

ing that Saturday's match

T WAS four minutes into time added on before David Barnsley goalkeeper tipped Rees's volley brilliantly over the bar and Portsmouth had to be content with a point.

pressing afternoon fizzled out to a chorus of half-hearted

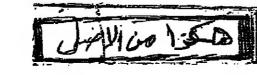
was a scrappy, disjointed affair made even more frag-mented by an over-fussy ref-eree who flashed eight yellow cards before losing the knack after 50 minutes. That at least was a relief.

But there was little relief

for Pompey, whose decline has been rapid since they stood 11th in the table in early February. A severe case of South Coast blight from then on means that Saturday's home game against Ipswich has assumed monumental

The last game of the season involves a daunting trip to pect left Fenwick to complain: "Chances are not going our way. We need the rub of the

Saturday's match-ball sponsor was - or so the programme said — Norfolk and Chance. Say that quickly and it might be safe to assume that the name sums up what someone with a sense of humour feels is the likelihood of Portsmouth's survival. Portsenouth: Knight: Pethick (Rees, 83min), Awlord, Butters, Russell, Igoe, McLoughlin, Allen, Garter, Hall, Burton (Brasibury, 81),



First Division: Wolverhampton Wanderers 0, Crystal Palace 2

Palace coup faces Cantona lingering doubt

Commentary

David Lacey

elected a French trawlerman their honour graciously accepted by Eric Cantona when he could have told the Football Writers' Association to go suck

To complete the reconciliation Cantona should now return to Selhurst Park to present a bouquet to Mrs Jean Pearch, the Croydon magistrate who wanted to lock him up for a fortnight, and a set of Bruce Lee videos to Matthew Simmons, the target of last season's kung-

ni demonstration. He might then buy a couple of tickets for the South Norwood police hell.

Well, perhaps not, but at least the opportunity may soon arisa. Crystal Palace's relegation spared Cantons the possibility of returning to Selhurst this sea-son to confront his termentors.

When Manchester United When Manchester United played Wimbledon frare in February the security operation was more appropriate to Fidel Castro. Now Palace may be about to regain Premier League

Saturday's 2-0 victory over Wolverhampton Wanderers at Molineux has left them poised to pip Derby County for the second automatic promotion place, Sunderland having taken the first. Palace and Derby meet at the Baseball Ground on Sunday, and on present form Palace should win. They would then need to best Norwich City at home in their last game to make

sure of coming second.
Relegated in 1983, promoted in 1994 and down again in 1995, Palace are not so much yo-yo experts as specialists in the art of crop rotation. Teams grow up and go up, and if the harvest fails they are sold off and the next seeds are sown.

Only two of the side that best Wolves, Martyn and Pitcher, were on the field the night Cantona went over the wall. Most of the others are now with other clubs, Richard Shaw among them. Shaw's anapping at Cantona's ankles produced his violent reaction and red

Coveniry last November but it was like old fees pessing each other on opposite sides of the street with barely a nod of recognition. Nevertheless, should Cantona renew acquaintance with Crystal Palace he will quickly discover that when it comes to spiky tackling Selhmrst is still a house of Shaws. Palace are not trying to kick their way hack into the Pre-

their way back into the Pre-miership but they are young and quick and do not hold back when going for the 50-50 ball. On Saturday John Lloyd eventually booked Hopkin and Rodger but had missed the late tackle by Hopkin on Williams which

That said, Pelace demon-strated that whatever they do have the pace to compete in the higher league. Wolves, by comparison, were pedestrian and predictable.

Palace are now managed by Dave Bassett, English football's travelling medicine-man whose brisk self-assurance is a tonic in itself. In fact the team were already reviving when he was ap-pointed in February,

Since the turn of the year finey have won 13 matches and drawn seven, losing only twice. Consistency is not the First Division's stock-in-trade so any side in the lower third of the table. as Palace were, that can put a run together after Christmas will have a chance of going up. "There have been no great changes since I came to Palace," Bassett admitted. "It's just a

of the players available and sorting out the positions that suit them, so there is no putting square pegs in round holes." sence of Houghton, their play-maker, nor the fact that Freedman was given few glimpses of goal by Emblen disturbed Palace's buoyant confidence. The which Dyer turned past Richards set them up for an 11th

segue victory away from home. Hopkin, dispossessing Osborn near Wolves' 18-yard line and alipping past two defenders, put Palace ahead in the 31st minute. Dyer scored their other goal in the 55th, spinning quickly after Roberts's shot had camoned off him and managing to head the rebound past Stowell despite Richards grabbing his shirt.



Dos-a-dos . . . Pon Goodman, Wolves' 25th-minute substitute, clambers to reach a header

creation, spanning quickly after creations and kickers's headed against the foot of a post shortly bits and managing to head the rebound past Stowell despite kickerds grabbing his shirt.

Wolves created several marker, Mark McGhee, will

chances and Richards headed | doubtless undertake this | ment there's been in this chib "We still need one more win to make sure we can't go down." said McGhee, "and that's scan-dalous considering the invest-

"Twe always thought there was a lot needed doing but with what we've got here at the mo-ment we should be doing better

Venables ends about quitting

ERRY VENABLES appeared to end mounting speculation that he might, after all, stay on as England coach after the European Championship in June when he insisted over the ing down. Since Venables told the Football Association in Janu-

ary that he would be quitting after Euro '96 in order to concentrate on his legal battles, there has not been a rush of candidates to fill the post. With no sign from Lancaster Gate that a fresh appointment is imminent, it has been as sumed that moves were being made to talk Venables round. In fact Venables is due to meet Graham Kelly, the FA's chief executive, during the next few weeks. But the subject matter is more likely to concern Venables's successor. "I always wanted to stay."
Venables explained, "I don't think that was ever in question. I've always loved the job. But I can't see anything they

[the FA] can do. "It was a combination of things. The court cases are still there and they've got to be dealt with.
"I could see that was an em-

barrassment, and if it's an emberrassment I've had to make a judgment. It was a clean judgment and I've done

stances that would change the doing against Croatia on situation. What is the point of Wednesday.

getting involved in 'What if they do this?' or 'What if I do

would not continue. That is exactly the same position we are in today. I can't be more straightforward that that."

weekend that no amount of The FA has drawn up a money would persuade him to shortlist of candidates. Glenn change his mind about stand-ing down. Hoddle, who has yet to sign a new contract at Chelses. is thought to be among the names. Middlesbrough's Bryan Robson and Totten-ham's ever-reluctant Gerry Francis will also be in the FA's thoughts.

Lancaster Gate's silence on Venables's successor stems from the FA's reluctance to discuss in public people who are still involved with their clubs. Once the Premiership programme ends, events will gather pace.

Stuart Pearce, who has been captaining England in the absence of David Platt and Tony Adams, believes Venables is the best person to lead England into the next World Cup qualifiers. "He is respected by the squad, by the players here and nationally as well," he said. "Footballwise, he has the knowle So does Peter Shreeves, Hoddle's assistant at Chelsea, a former taxi driver who would probably be given an England role if Hoddle be-came national coach. Both Hoddle and Shreeves favour playing three at the back, which oddly enough is what

Gould forced to make changes

BOBBY GOULD, man- ham, picked up a groin in-ager of Wales, has added jury in Saturday's win at two new faces to his squad for Wednesday's friendly in Switzerland after three players were forced to

withdraw.
Wrexham's Wayne Phillips replaces the Huddersfield full-back Steve Jenkins, who has a calf injury, and Christian Edwards of Swansea takes over from Robert Page, who is wanted for Watford's game with Grimsby tomorrow. Lee Jones, the Liverpool

Hull and is replaced by Crewe's Robbie Savage, who made his debut in Albania last November. A Spanish pay channel, Canal Plus, has offered to

pay more than 200 billion setas (£1 billion) for the rights to the Spanish League for the next seven years. The clubs would louble their annual income if they accepted the offer from Canal Plus, which at

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Baseball AMERICAM LEAGUE (Doubleheader vectoroff: Cleveland 8, Boxton 4 (tsi game 3-1); Alfivenskes 8, Kansas Cft 2 (13-4); Minnesola 7, New York 1 (8-7); Taxas 35, Baltimors 7 (8-3); California 4, Detroit 3 (2-1); Chicago 4 Cahland 3 (9-8); Toronto 10, Seatile 4 (3-1).

MATIONIAL LEAGUE (Doubleheaders); Chicago 90, San Francisco 6 (4-5); Florida 5, LA 0 (1-4); Montreal 2, Pursburgh 1 (1-5); St Louis 1, Philipsiciphia 0 (1-6); Atlania 7 San Diago 1 (6-6); Colorado 6, NY 3 (3-6); Houston 13, Cincinnasi 5 (1-5). Basketball

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2:10.55; 6, D Castro (Port 2:11.12; 7, E Helletoyck (Bel) 2:11.53; 5, B Manya (Ken)
2:12.43; 9, G Staines (GB) 2:12.54; 10, T
Balcole (Nor) 2:14.57;
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Chepchumba 2:30.06; 3, M Sobenska (Pol)
2:30.77; 4, Kansan (Ken) 2:023; 5, A
Heateenskad (Nor) 2:31.07; 6, A Nemove
(Rus) 2:206; 7, IR Koloweka (Pol) 2:22.46;
8, F Suttemovs (Rus) 2:32.50; 8, J Salumae
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Snooker EMBASEY WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP (Sheffield): First round: D Heroid (Eng.) bi N Foulds (Eng.) 10-4; T Brage (Maits) bi S James (Eng.) 10-2.

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Giants find unity on way to Wembley

Robert Pryce

ANCHESTER Disunited are going to Wembley.

After a difficult end to their eague season, the Manchesharmony and enough composure to best the Leopards twice at the London Arena and earn themselves a Budweiser Championship semi-final against the London Towers at Wembley in two

ries to Thomas Elliott and Joel Moore and a rift between their coach Mike Hanks and their top scorer Mark Robin-son to beat the Leopards 83-47 on Wednesday and 75-73 yes-terday. They paid particular attention to the American for-ward Robert Youngblood, over the two games.

After Kevin St Kitts, who

finished top acorer with 21 points, gave the Giants the lead at 71-69 with a driving lay-up, the Leopards threw the ball away twice in the last 30 seconds. Youngblood fouled out in tears and Robinson, who was benched for a game after countermanding Hanks's instructions at Leicester last month, hit the free-throws to give the Giants a four-point lead with four seconds remaining. • The Brixton Topcats, the underdogs of the National

League play-offs after finishing seventh in the First Division, joined their local rivals Crystal Palace in the final by beating the Ware Rebels 79-76.

Donna Knight returned lead England to victory in the Four Countries championship at Spelthorne. The former Crystal Palace guard scored 56 points in the three games, including 15 in yesterday's 75-63 victory over Ireland.



SportsGuardian

BRILLIANT SCOT BURNS UP THE ROAD TO ATLANTA

McColgan London blitz

Three wins in a row for Ceron

Stephen Bierley

WO and a half years ago Liz McColgan, the former world 10,000 metres cham-pion and Olympic silver medal winner, was told she would never run again. Yesterday her restoration as Britain's leading female dis-tance runner was completed in joyous fashion when she won the London Marathon and then immediately turned her thoughts to a gold medal at this summer's Olympic Games in Atlanta.

termination to get back to the top, after a double knee operation almost ended her running career, has been a remarkable story of single-minded resil-ience and resolution. Indeed, such had been her remorseless pursuit of renewed success that she all but ran herself to a

grinding exhausted halt.
Then, after finishing fifth in this race last year, the 31year-old Scot turned to Grete Waitz for help. Waitz, the leg-endary Norwegian distance runner, quickly cut back McColgan's murderous training schedule, substituting quality for quantity.
Waitz's immediate influ-

ence was there for all to see when McColgan finished first in the Great North Run last September "I was so fortu-nate to have met my athletic heroine and to have her as my coach," said McColgan, who judged yesterday's dominant most to perfection.

Flower power . . . and, unlike many runners, showing no sign of wilting

dented third consecutive time, was Mexico's Dionicio Ceron in 2hr 10min Osec There was further good news for Britain when Paul Evans finished third, 40 seconds behind Ceron, although he remains unsure about run-

ning the Olympic marathon. This was the hottest London race on record, the buds on the trees seeming visibly lumae of Estonia, were had not felt particularly good to fatten as more than 25,000 pulling away. After 14 miles "But as soon as I made the

The men's winner, for an | runners flew, flogged, or | Haakenstad had a lead of two jogged their way through the capital's streets. For the elite times were quickly shelved.

McColgan's win was not

without a scare, for early on three runners, Anita Haaken-stad of Norway, Firaya Sul-tanova of Russia and Jane Sa-

minutes over McColgan.
"If I had been Liz I would and novice alike the condi-tions were far from ideal, and pre-race thoughts of ultra-fast afterwards admitted to being more than a little "nervous" at the way the race developed "I got a bit of a fright when I lost sight of the leaders," said McColgan, who conceded that at the halfway stage she

lute inevitability, McColgan began to reel in her oppo-nents. There is always some sadness when a lone leader, on this occasion running out of her skin, begins to frag-ment as this most cruel of dis-tances takes its revenge on those who push themselves

just a little too far.

McColgan, who earned in
the region of £150,000 for this
victory (her third marathon
win in six starts), overtook
Haakenstad after 20 miles, the wilting Norwegian, who eventually finished fifth. "By 17 miles I knew I was

going to close the gap, but you can never take anything for granted," said McColgan. "At this point a little girl ran out on the course and I might have tripped. You just never know." But the Scot's victory was inexorable and she finished more than two minutes ahead

of the second-placed Joyce Chepchumba, of Kenya. There is a symbiosis be-tween McColgan and Waitz which has not only made the Scot a better technical runner but has also helped her shed a bundle of mental stress. McColgan, the devil-take-the-hindmost front runner, has

what this victory proved was that Waitz's training schedule is spot on. Both runner and coach saw victory here as the stepping stone to success in Atlanta. In the past McColgan has proved herself capable of coping with hot and humid conditions, although virtually all marathon runners, both men and women, have serious misgiv-ings, including Ceron. The men's race followed a

more expected pattern, with the favourites running, for the the favourites running, for the most part, in a tight swarm until the final couple of miles. Then Caron, in yellow and black, took off like some turbocharged bee. Belgium's Vincent Roussean, the fastest man in the field but with a much publicised dislike of a rising thermometer, was incapable of responding to the Mexican's startling acceleration and startling acceleration and ettled for second place. The race for third spot was

Kabiga, a little-known 19-year-old Kenyan, whose late pushing of the pace certainly aided Ceron's victory. Afterwards the British run-

er refused to be drawn on his Olympic plans. Peter Whitehead and Richard Nerurkar have already been pre-selected for Atlanta, subject to fitness, and Evans would seem an obvious addition. more keen to try for a 10,000m place and then run another city marathon in the autumn For McColgan, thank goodness, the only marathon that matters now is Atlanta.

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From A to Zing



Guardian Crossword No 20,633



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- 1 No longer is this a habit for
- 6 Honour a member's appeal (5 9 Making clothing for men in India, one's after a breather
- (5) 10 Taken on and taken off
- 12 The men will show cold anger if sent back (4)
- 15 Out once it's badly affected (7)
- 17 Fixes sinks (7)
- 19 Money the painter left inside
- 20 A type of grass fly (4)
- 22 A crafty invader far from obtuse (5.5)
- 25 Golf club's story as told by the founder (9)
- (3-6) Down 1 Opals may be reset here (5)

28 Kept close for security

26 Riled maybe when there's

27 Flower material — but not

for flower-arrangers! (5)

somebody wasting time (5)

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- 2 Cheats on the hard worker 3 Feature article about nippy
- little furry animal (10) 4 Love dressing down in a
- mariner of speaking (7)
- 5 Careless shopper getting containers with holes in the
- bottom (7) 6 Cuff cut short (4)
- 7 He's always prepared to take part! (5)
- 8 Policemen turning in tucked into supper — healthful (9)

This week's winners of a Collins English Dictionary are O M Doe of Exeter, Devon, Guy Shearwood of Chelmsford, Essex, Terence Devlin of London, N4 4EJ, Frank Naylor of Visit Condon, N4 4EJ, Frank Naylor of V

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- 18 The church official wanting credit is relaxed about it (7)
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